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# Gang Plotted Robbery By Using Police Cars



Policeman Donald Somerville (right) leaves office at 600 S. Michigan after taking the rest. With him is Sgt. Willard Reinke, who supports Somerville's alibi for one of the nights in question.

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### By James Casey

A daring robbery gang—reputedly masterminded by a Chicago policeman—planned to use city police squad cars and wear police uniforms in a \$100,000 holdup, authorities disclosed Thursday.

Sheriff Richard B. Ogilvie's detectives said the gunmen intended to masquerade as policemen to rob the huge McCormick Place convention hall during the boat show last spring.

#### Never Happened

The target of the bandits was a basement money room that, at the time, was protected only by one Chicago policeman and a private guard.

In a \$23,000 robbery that police have blamed on the gang, one of five gunmen wore pants similar to police uniform trousers.

The bold schemes were revealed as the Chicago policeman accused of leading the desperadoes took a lie test on his denials of complicity in their holdups.

#### Consented To Test

The policeman, Donald Somerville, 33, of 10642 S. Sawyer, consented to the test at John E. Reid & Associates, 600 S. Michigan.

Previously, Somerville had given police commanders a blanket denial of all accusa-

tions made by a confessed bandit, Leon Arnold, 30, who said Somerville mapped robberies for the gang.

Three of Somerville's brothers are charged with being members of the holdup mob.

Somerville's lie test lasted more than two hours. Afterward, police officials said they had been informed the test did not support his denials. He was not suspended, however.

He emerged from the Reid offices to tell reporters:

"I never participated in any stickups."

#### Sergeant Beside Him

At Somerville's side was Sgt. Willard Reinke.

Somerville insisted he was on a police detail at an ice show in the Chicago Stadium on March 23, 1963—when Arnold said, Somerville met the gang to split \$20,000 swag from a robbery.

And Reinke backed that story, saying he and Somerville were on duty together.

Both Somerville and Reinke are on the Maxwell Street Task Force, a police unit assigned to handle crowds at sports events and halls such as McCormick Place.

Just as brash as the McCormick Place robbery plot, sheriff's police said, was the gang's scheme to loot the Mount Greenwood Bank, 3052 W. 111th.

To carry out the bank hold-

up plan last summer, the gang obtained a machinegun and rented a hideout across the street from the bank, Ogilvie's detectives disclosed.

To forestall this robbery, Chicago police established a stakeout of detectives in and around the bank, it was disclosed.

Then, to prevent a full-scale gun battle in which policemen and bank customers might be killed or wounded, Chicago detectives took action to intercept the machinegun as it was being transported to the gang.

Police seized the machinegun in an auto in a food store parking lot at 95th and Western. The gun was turned over to government agents.

The bandits scrapped their plan to rob the bank when they spotted the police stakeout from their hideout, sheriff's police said.

#### In Protective Custody

At this time—more than six months before Arnold named policeman Somerville as a member of the gang—Chicago police officials heard reports that a policeman was working with the mob, The Sun-Times learned.

The confessions of Arnold, now in protective custody in the Cook County Jail witness quarters, resulted in a roundup of the gang by sheriff's police a week ago.

Charged with robberies committed by the gang were Douglas Aldridge, 27, held in the county jail; Paul Langusch, 26, of 156 W. 117th, and two

Somerville brothers, Robert, 40, 2914 W. 102d, and Gail, 37, of 10642 S. Sawyer.

Another Somerville brother, Edward, is sought by sheriff's police.

According to Arnold, the gang's \$20,000 robbery of a Bridgeview department store on March 23, 1963, was plotted by policeman Somerville.

After the holdup, in which a janitor was shot, policeman Somerville met the gang in a South Side hideout to divide the loot, Arnold said.

Arnold accused the policeman of taking a 10 per cent cut of the loot.

Arnold said he didn't know the location of the hideout.

But sheriff's police, The Sun-Times learned, have found a two-story frame home at 9901 S. Charles that is believed to have been the hideout of the gang.

The residence was gutted last Labor Day by a mysterious fire which police said was caused by arson.

Detectives said they were mystified by the motive of the gang in setting fire to the home where, according to Arnold, they met to cut up loot.

At other times, Arnold told police, the guns used by the gang were cached in the South Side home.

Meanwhile, the investigation of the robbery band revealed that the gang was driven to repeated holdups by the demands of Cosa Nostra loan sharks for "juice"—exorbitant interest.

To pay the mob money-lend-

ers, who threaten death to dead-beat borrowers, members of the gang staged scores of holdups in south suburbs.

Some of the gang members, sheriff's detectives said, were "on the hook" to loan sharks working for a Cosa Nostra gangster, Jimmy (The Owl) Catuara.

The Sun-Times disclosed exclusively on Thursday that the sheriff's investigation had revealed Catuara and a vice racketeer, Gus Rubino, as the secret bosses of the robbery mob.

The "juice" payments of one gang member, Aldridge, came to more than \$600 a week on a loan of some \$3,000, investigators said.

So desperate were Aldridge and other gang members to pay their weekly tabs to the loan sharks that they robbed small stores and back-street

taverns, obtaining less than \$100 in each robbery, on nights when they had no "big jobs" planned, according to police.

The political connections of Catuara and Rubino, a bail bondsman, offered the gang some measure of protection in south suburban Blue Island, Dixmoor and Phoenix, the sheriff's men asserted.

For the last year, investigators tracking the mob heard reports that suburban policemen were working with the gang. These policemen reputedly grabbed a share of the loot for pointing out stores as targets for the robbery gang.

During a probe of one hold-up in southern Cook County, underworld informants told Ogilvie's police that a former mayor of a southern suburb had "fingered" a store for the gang.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC (92-1371)

DATE: March 11, 1964

FROM : [REDACTED] Correlation Clerk

SUBJECT: ~~JAMES CATUARA, aka VINCENZO CATUARA,~~  
~~"THE BOMBER", "THE OWL"~~  
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Serial 2 of 165-460 is a correlation memo dated March 13, 1963.

It should be noted that this memo contains both identical and questionable criminal references. No identical security references could be located.

## I. GENERAL CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES

62-4844-200 p27

In a report of SA [REDACTED] Chicago office, dated April 10, 1959, entitled "Mafia-Information Concerning," page 27 reflects that the [REDACTED] gang, from prohibition to 1944, had been strictly a terrorist mob dealing in hijacking, blackmail, extortion, gambling, bomb throwing and murder among the Italian element in Chicago. [REDACTED] took his mob into the CAPONE syndicate where it was reported, they were involved in the gambling end of the syndicate. On a list of [REDACTED] mob members, JAMES CATURA, aka "The Bomber", is mentioned and indicates he now runs the gambling in this area with the son-in-law of [REDACTED]. It is noted that this area is actually controlled by GUS ALEX.

62-3320-3 p5

In a memo by SAS [REDACTED] of the Chicago office, dated February 28, 1944, entitled [REDACTED] a detailed account of [REDACTED] background is given. On page 5, under a list of friends of [REDACTED] JAMES CATURA of 2540 Emerald Ave., is listed as an ex-convict and bomber associate.

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162-14-146 p229

A report of SA [redacted] Chicago office, dated January 11, 1952, entitled "Gambling Conditions- Chicago Area," on page 229, reflects that [redacted] furnished information regarding the set-up of the gambling activities of the Loop area which consists primarily of Chicago's business district and is controlled, according to the informant, by GUS ALEX and FRANK FERRARO. The informant stated that FRANK "SKID" CARUSO and one JAMES CATUARA have direct responsibility to FERRARO and maintain gambling operations in an area referred to as "The Patch" which is located in Chicago, near the Southwest side. It is pointed out that the above individuals are not all inclusive of persons holding some responsibility and control of gambling operations nor the only persons receiving profits from these operations throughout the Chicago area, however, it is felt that these individuals comprise the most important individuals in the area and those individuals who have the primary responsibility for organized gambling activity within the area.

It cannot be determined by the writer if the above referenced information is identical with the subject of this file review.

92-373-81 p31

[redacted] (this informant has furnished reliable information in the past and is an associate of certain henchmen of GUS ALEX) on March 13, 1958 furnished SA [redacted] information regarding the section of the city controlled by GUS ALEX. He stated, ALEX controls the gambling, juke boxes, slot machines, cigarette machines and the "juice business" on the southside of Chicago, running from Lake Michigan to Ashland Ave. and from 22nd St. to possibly as far south as 63rd St. The informant further advised that this district is actually run for ALEX by FRANK (SKID) CARUSO and that under CARUSO in this district is JIMMY "THE BOMBER" CATUARRA. The informant described these men as notorious and hardened criminals who have been arrested for all types of crimes including murder.

87-8465-30 p3

A member of the Chicago Police Department, who refused to divulge his identity, furnished the following information

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concerning [redacted] on June 16, 1958 to SAS [redacted] [redacted] contacted a [redacted] (lhu) and asked [redacted] to get in touch with [redacted] [redacted] said he would see [redacted] and that [redacted] should call him back at Garden 4-7411. The subscriber to the above Garden number is JAMES CATUARO, 10309 Laramie Ave., Oak Lawn, Ill.

87-13121-79

[redacted] PCI, advised SA [redacted] on September 11, 1959 of the names of four individuals and one unknown person who perpetrated the KLEINZWAY Fur Cleaners burglary of July 4, 1959. The PCI stated that the furs were definitely sold through "The Bomber" (JAMES CATUARA) and that "The Bomber" was seen getting \$50,000 or \$60,000 in cash as payment for the furs. The informant remarked that "The Bomber" had complained of getting so many large bills, mostly \$1,000 denominations, but added they will have no problem in disposing of the large bills through Las Vegas connections.

Information herein obtained confidentially; informant's name is not to be disclosed in report or otherwise unless it has been decided definitely that he is to be a witness in a trial or hearing.

92-694-55

[redacted] PCI, date of contact December 22, 1959 to January 15, 1960, advised SA [redacted] that FRANK LAPORTE was in JACK PAGMAN, INC., 108 West Randolph on December 18, 1959 at which time he purchased gift certificates, as Christmas presents, for a number of people. One JIMMY CATUARO received a certificate for \$50.00. LAPORTE paid cash for the above certificates.

Information herein obtained confidentially; informant's name is not to be disclosed in report or otherwise unless it has been decided definitely that he is to be a witness in a trial or hearing.

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92-920-30 p11

In a Chicago report of SA [redacted] dated November 30, 1961 entitled, "FRANK LA PORTE, aka", page 11

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reflects an employee of a firm located in the Hotel Sherman Building, Chicago, advised on January 15, 1960 that FRANK LA PORTE was in JACK FAGMAN's Inc., 108 W. Randolph on December 18, 1959 at which time he purchased gift certificates indicating that they were for Christmas presents. One JIMMIE CATUARO was among those receiving a \$50 gift certificate. The informant stated LA PORTE paid cash for the above certificates and that no other information regarding the individuals given the gift certificates was obtained.

It cannot be determined by the writer if the above referenced information is identical with the subject of this file review.

15-19608-4

[redacted] PCI, furnished SA [redacted] on July 5, 1961 information regarding a theft of RINGSEY trailer loaded with GE steam irons from the Rock Island Railroad, Chicago, Ill. on June 29, 1961. Informant advised that the above theft was probably perpetrated by [redacted] and others and that "SKID" CARUSO and "THE BOMBER" (JAMES CATUARA) are getting a piece of the proceeds from this theft. The irons are being "pushed" through various focal points in the neighborhood.

92-920-694

[redacted] was contacted on March 6, 1963 by SA [redacted] and furnished information that [redacted] and an unknown individual had threatened to kill [redacted] or furnishing a statement to the States Attorney's office in Cook County incriminating a number of thieves who were nation wide public telephone box operators stealing money from telephone coin boxes. The Informant advised that [redacted] were present during these threats and that they and [redacted] were going to see one JIMMY CATURA. The informant stated he had heard that the above CATURA is the boss of [redacted] and they were going to attempt to have CATURA intercede on behalf of [redacted]

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Date April 10, 196292-373-1168 p3

JIMMY CATUARA was interviewed in a Bureau car in front of 238 West Cermak Road, which establishment is believed to be currently operating as a "book." CATUARA stated he has lived on the near South Side all his life and therefore is well acquainted with GUS ALEX and FRANK FERRARO, having grown up with them. He stated that he is also acquainted with FRANK "Skid" CARUSO, as he also has lived on the near South Side all his life. CATUARA was asked if a "book" was operating in the establishment at 238 West Cermak Road or in the immediate surrounding buildings and CATUARA refused to answer this question. He stated that "business was bad and that he is a furniture salesman."

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CATUARA stated that he did not believe ALEX, FERRARO, or CARUSO were violating any laws and that they are paying their income tax. When informed by Agents [redacted] that ALEX and his associates obviously had other people running their "books" and other vice operations for them, CATUARA replied he did not know anything about this and did not know anything concerning the activities of ALEX, FERRARO, or CARUSO. CATUARA stated that if he ever needed any money, he would not hesitate to approach ALEX or FERRARO for a loan and knew that he would not be turned down on his request.

CATUARA stated that the government is always complaining about fellows like himself, ALEX and FERRARO taking the Fifth Amendment when they appear in court. / He said "he had recently read in the newspaper where Senator MC CLELLAN himself had taken the Fifth Amendment on two occasions recently." CATUARA stated that the government should not berate himself, ALEX and FERRARO for taking the Fifth Amendment when testifying in court when Senator MC CLELLAN takes "the Fifth."

On 4/6/62 at Chicago, IllinoisFile # CG 92-373by SAS [redacted]Date Dictated 4/10/62

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CATUARA further advised that "the government should investigate JOE KENNEDY, the President's father. He said that JOE KENNEDY gets \$1 for every case of scotch that comes in from London, England, and he considers this a monopoly."

CATUARA further advised that he is bothered with sinus trouble and makes one trip a year to Tuscon, Arizona, for his sinus condition.

CATUARA concluded the interview by stating "he was busy and had to get going."

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92-1040-151 p5,44

[redacted] Intelligence Division.  
Chicago Police Department, made available to SA [redacted]  
[redacted] by mail, on July 31, 1963, an investigator's  
report dated April 9, 1963 regarding the wake and funeral  
of FRANK PAUL RUSSO [redacted]. The  
report states the wake was held at the Montclair Funeral  
Home, 6901 W. Belmont Ave., Chicago and the interment at  
Mt. Carmel Cemetery. On a list of cars present at the  
above, JAMES CATUARA, 10309 S. 52nd Ave., Oak Lawn, Ill.  
is listed with a oldsmobile, license number 541-726. On  
page 44 of the above report, JAMES CATUARA was listed  
among persons the reporting officers actually saw  
attending the affair.

92-373-1710 p13

A Chicago report of SA [redacted] dated September  
24, 1963 entitled "GUS ALEX, aka," on page 13 reflects that  
[redacted] advised on  
July 29, 1963 that he was member of the Tomahawks Athletic  
Club but was not present at the club when it was raided as  
a gambling establishment. [redacted] stated he is well  
acquainted with CARUSO, [redacted] and one JAMES CATUARA but  
only knows GUS ALEX by reputation of what he reads in the  
newspapers.

It cannot be determined by the writer if the above  
referenced information is identical with the subject of  
this file review.

92-920-907 p41

The Chicago report of SA [redacted] dated  
October 11, 1963, entitled "FRANK LAPORTE, aka", on page 41  
reflects a list of known hoodlums who were observed at the  
wake of JOHN L. COSTELLO on August 6, 1963. One JAMES  
CATUARA was among those listed. PCI [redacted] advised  
SA [redacted] on an unknown date that [redacted] had  
traveled to Las Vegas, Nevada. By letter dated August 12, 1963  
the Las Vegas office advised that on June 28, 1963 a number  
of hotels were contacted and their records searched for the  
month of May, 1963 with negative results, to determine if  
FRANK LAPORTE or his associates, one JIMMY CATUARO, [redacted]  
[redacted] were recorded as guests. PCI [redacted]  
[redacted] on July 18, 1963 advised SA [redacted] that  
[redacted] contacted her in Las Vegas during May, 1963.  
[redacted] stated [redacted] was in the company of [redacted]

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[redacted] and a third individual from the Chicago area named [redacted] whom [redacted] believed to be JIMMY CATUARO. [redacted] advised these four men were staying at the Riviera Hotel under assumed names. [redacted] indicated that after leaving Chicago the group had been to Mexico and Phoenix, Arizona prior to coming to Las Vegas.

It cannot be determined by the writer if the above referenced information is identical with the subject of this file review.

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In the 5 Star Final Turf Edition of the Chicago Sun-Times on September 23, 1963, an article by SANDY SMITH is entitled, "Chicago Mob List Handed to Senators." The article reflects that the Chicago Police Department prepared a report listing 195 Chicago hoodlums, 140 of which are suspected members of the Cosa Nostra brotherhood. The report was requested by the Committee for Organized Crime Hearing which is to be held in Washington. The police report is part of the evidence assembled by the committee to back the testimony of its star witness JOSEPH VALACHI. In a group of individuals listed under a Lower Echelon heading as members of the syndicate family is one JAMES CATUARA of the South Side Group.

It cannot be determined by the writer if the above referenced information is identical with the subject of this file review.

92-372-505 p8

A report, mailed to SA [redacted] from the Intelligence Division, Chicago Police Department, dated November 22, 1963 regarding the surveillance of the wake and funeral of SUSAN KREBS, [redacted] The report consists of a list of persons whose motor vehicles were observed at the KRINGAS and MARZULLO Funeral Chapel, 5400 W. Harrison, during November 11 and 12, 1963. JAMES CATUARA, 10309 S. 52nd Ave., Oak Lawn, Ill. was listed with a 1963 black, two door oldsmobile, license number 541726. A notation below CATUARA's name states "Above is listed as an old time member of the southside Cosa Nostra and is active in gambling among other things."

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92-565-1089 p9

A report, mailed to SA [redacted] from the Intelligence Division, Chicago Police Department, dated November 15, 1963 regarding a surveillance conducted during the wake and funeral of ANGELINA SORTINO, nee BARONE (Mother of FRANK "STRONGY" FER RERA) reflects a list of motor vehicles observed at the Montclair Funeral Home, 6901 W. Belmont Ave. JAMES CATUARA, 10309 S. 52nd Ave, Oak Lawn, Ill. is listed with a 1963 black, two door oldsmobile, license number 541726 as one of a large # of vehicles attending the above wake.

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157-233-385 p57

[redacted] on charges of armed robbery and attempted murder, furnished SAS [redacted] on November 15, 1963 information regarding the [redacted] Bombing. [redacted] stated in an interview with the above agents that it is his personal belief that [redacted] is responsible for the bombing of [redacted]. In discussing individuals close to [redacted] who in his opinion, could be responsible for the bombing of [redacted], [redacted] said [redacted] knows a JIMMY CATUARA. CATUARA and [redacted] were in the same group [redacted]. The above information is in a report of SA [redacted] Chicago office, dated December 4, 1963, entitled, "Unsub; [redacted] Victim."

It cannot be determined by the writer if the above referenced information is identical with the subject of this file review.

92-1173-163 p4

On December 17, 1963, SAS [redacted] conducted an investigation at the FCI, [redacted] incarcerated at the above, stated he would be happy to furnish any information he had pertaining to any member of the Chicago syndicate but added that any information he did have would be at least 5 years old since he has no contact whatsoever with any member of the Chicago syndicate for 5 years. [redacted] provided a list of individuals known to him 5 years or more ago and their connection with the syndicate at that time. One JAMES CATUARA was listed by [redacted] as next in line to FRANK LA PORTE in Calumet City, Ill. The above information

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is incorporated in an El Paso airtel to the Director, dated December 30, 1963, entitled "Change" [redacted]

[redacted] Top Echelon Criminal Informant Program."

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The following files are maintained in the C # 1 Supervisor's office and were not reviewed by the writer:

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The following file was unavailable for review by the writer: 92-920-561 p26.

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3-5-64

TO: CHIEF CLERK

Subject

James Caturaro, aka Vincenzo Caturaro

Aliases

"The Bomber", "The Owl"

Address

10309 S. 52nd Ave, Oak Park

Birth Date

Birthplace

9-26-05

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James Caturaro

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NI 466-1297 (7-62)	aka [redacted] (1)		
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I 87-13121-85 6 (9-59)	same as 87-13121-79		
I 15-0-3326 62 (4-60)	see s. 2 of 165-460		
I 15-19608- (7-61)	should be rev. 4		
I 87-13121-79 (10-59)			
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James CATUARRA  
100 South Wallace

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2 of 165-460 (CORRELATION MEMO 3-4-63)

CATUARRA, JAMES 7-63 I 92-1371\*

aka: James "The Bomber" CATUARRA

White, male, 5'3", 172 lbs., DOB: 9-26-05, Italy

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James CATUARRA  
100 South Wallace

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CATUARRA, JAMES 1-64 I 92-372-505 p.8

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CATUARRA, JAMES 1/64 I 92-565-1089p.9

10309 S. 52nd Ave.  
Oaklawn, Ill.

Attended wake or funeral of Angelina Sortino  
mother of Frank Ferrera. 11/63

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CATUARA, JAMES

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White male

Age 35 yrs old in 1941

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10309 South 52nd Avenue  
Oak Lawn, Illinois

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"The Bomber"

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CATUARA, JAMES "THE BOMBER" 3-63 *I* 92-1371\*

CATUARA, JAMES "The Bomber" 4/61 - 15-17479-  
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CATUARA, JIMMY 5/63 *I* 165-460\*

aka JAMES CATUARRA  
2900 South Wallace

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CATUARA, JIMMY 12/60 - 92-350-Sub D-305 p.3  
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CATUARA, JIMMY 4/60 - 92-350-Sub D-162 p.3

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# Link Mob To Cop's Robbery Band

By Sandy Smith

Crime syndicate gangsters and vice racketeers were identified by sheriff's police Wednesday as the secret bosses of a robbery gang allegedly led by a Chicago policeman.

Aides of Police Supt. Orlando W. Wilson said policeman Donald Somerville, 33, of 10642 S. Sawyer, had been accused by a confessed bandit of directing the gunmen in the gang.

High police officials whisked Somerville away from police headquarters Wednesday night for interrogation about the bandit gang that reputedly included his three brothers, one a former Chicago policeman.

Earlier, investigators for Sheriff Richard B. Ogilvie named the crime syndicate figures behind the holdup mob.

Sheriff's detectives said their investigation disclosed that the gang was backed by a Cosa Nostra gambling chief, Jimmy (The Owl) Catuara, and Gus Rubino, operator of a notorious vice and gambling resort in south suburban Dixmoor.

## \$200,000 Loot

Henchmen of Catuara, according to sheriff's police, raked off 10 per cent of the estimated \$200,000 loot obtained by the gang in a series of holdups in which victims were slugged and shot.

Syndicate hoodlums collected their cut for supplying the bandits with information about armored-car money deliveries to supermarkets and holdup-alarm systems in department stores, police reported.

At times in the last two years, the gang numbered more than 20 bandits, including a former professional football player and an ex-jockey, it was disclosed.

The hangout for the gang was identified by sheriff's de-

tectives as Rubino's Red Fence, a tavern at 142d and Wood, Dixmoor. The place has been the target of police vice and gambling raids.

Rubino has a record of arrests on gambling charges. He has been seized by police for questioning in gang murders. He is a bail bondsman and a pal of Catuara.

Police said Rubino operates a bonding company in suburban Phoenix and is ready to open another in Gary, Ind.

## Police Influence

Rubino reputedly has powerful influence in the police departments of Blue Island and Dixmoor, the robbery gang's main base of operations, detectives said.

In the past, authorities disclosed, Rubino also has boasted of his self-described "connections" with Cook County sheriff's police investigating the band of bandits.

## Agencies Confer

Moreover, sheriff's investigators said, a wrangle between syndicate gangsters over the lucrative business of furnishing bail bonds for the robbery gang led to the mysterious shooting of Rubino's brother, Vincent, 31, in July, 1962. Vincent Rubino, also a bondsman, was wounded then by a shotgun blast.

Investigators for three law enforcement agencies — the sheriff's office, the Chicago Police Department, and Illinois State Police — conferred Wednesday in Chicago Police Headquarters about the tangled case.

The conference was held amid reports of the disappear-

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ance of a confessed bandit, Leon Arnold, 30, who told sheriff's police that the gang was led and masterminded by the policeman.

Sheriff Ogilvie denied reports that Arnold had disappeared.

"We know where to get in touch with him," Ogilvie said.

But other investigators said that sheriff's police had "lost touch" with Arnold.

The imbroglio over Arnold's whereabouts caused the state's attorney's office to order Arnold into protective custody

in the witness quarters of the Cook County Jail.

He entered the witness quarters at 8 p.m. Wednesday in compliance with the order from John Stamos, chief of the state's attorney's criminal division.

#### Feared Killing

Arnold surrendered to sheriff's police last Thursday in fear that he would be killed by members of the gang.

He told Ogilvie's detectives that policeman Somerville had planned and taken part of the \$20,000 loot of the March 23, 1963, robbery of Zayre's Store, 8847 S. Harlem, Bridgeview. A janitor was shot in the holdup.

The Sun-Times learned Wednesday that Arnold, in his confession to sheriff's police, had said:

"We went to (a woman's) house to talk about the Zayre holdup. Somerville was there. We discussed it. They (members of the gang) told us where to hide (in the store before the robbery)."

During the Zayre's Store robbery, Arnold related, a shot was fired and I ran out."

#### Policeman At House

After the robbery, according to Arnold, "we went back to (the woman's) house but I don't know where the house is."

Somerville was in the house to greet the bandits coming in with the loot, Arnold said.

"The policeman counted out the money," Arnold said. "He split it up. We each got an equal share."

On Arnold's story, sheriff's police obtained warrants charging five men with the Zayre's Store robbery.

They are Douglas Aldridge, 27, held in the Cook County Jail awaiting trial for robbery;

Paul Langusch, 26, of 156 W. 157th, and three Somerville brothers—Robert, 40, 2914 W. 102d, a former Chicago policeman; Gail, 37, of 10642 S. Sawyer, and Edward, 26, whose address is unknown.

#### Free On Bonds

Three of the accused bandits—Langusch and Robert and Gail Somerville—were free on bond. Sheriff's police are hunting for Edward Somerville.

Investigators told The Sun-Times that the onetime pro football player and the ex-jockey joined the gang in robberies in 1962 and 1963. Both are imprisoned.

Sheriff's police identified the former football player as Floyd Cox and said the former jockey was Frank Truschka Jr., 35, who turned to robbery after he

was ruled off Illinois tracks.

In the gangland wrangle that caused the shooting of Vincent Rubino, police said, Catuara and Gus Rubino were at odds with Frank LaPorte, a Cosa Nostra chief in southern Cook County.

LaPorte is the backstage boss of another bonding company run by his nephew, Frank Luzi.

#### Issue In Dispute

At issue in this dispute, according to sheriff's detectives, was the bail bond business acquired by Gus Rubino, who was writing bonds for members of the robbery gang.

The shooting of Vincent Rubino reportedly was ordered by LaPorte to enforce his demand for a cut of those bail bond fees.

DIRECTOR, FBI [redacted]

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Remylet to Bureau 1/30/64, Chicago airtel to Bureau 2/10/64, and Bulet to Chicago 2/13/64.

On 2/25/64, the above captioned informant was reinterviewed at [redacted] by SA's [redacted]

[redacted] At the outset informant stated: "This has been the toughest 30 days of my life. I've done nothing but think of this thing. I decided I can't do it." Informant stated. "I am too weak. I'm burned out." Then, in a reference to [redacted]

[redacted]

By inference, informant indicated that CATAUARRA was a member of the "family" in Chicago. He stated the government push has hurt the "family". The "family" has to offer a legitimate business front for its members. If it can't offer illegal income there is no advantage to joining. Government pressure is reducing illegal income and the advantage of being a "family" member is lessening.

Informant commented "the family has to be broken." He speculated that if he was to help it would mean that [redacted]

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To further this, he stated. [redacted]  
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Informant commented briefly on his past life of crime and the success of his ventures. He spoke of the feeling of satisfaction of a successful job. He also spoke of his concern about the FBI and his feeling of constantly being followed; how he was so suspicious of everybody and everything that he was all tied up "inside" and a bundle of nerves. He admitted that if he was not feeling right and someone said something which didn't strike him right, he would "fly off the handle" and could be dangerous.

Again speaking of the "family" informant stated that there are many non-Italians who are respected and "in the know" but because they were not of the blood they could not sit on the council.

At the conclusion of interview informant was assured that the FBI would take no action because of his refusal to cooperate and was told that the FBI could possibly help him if he changed his mind and decided to cooperate. Just prior to leaving, informant asked if he could contact interviewing agents by writing care of FBI, Kansas City. He was told this would suffice.

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# Memorandum

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DATE: **3/17/64**

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

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Titles and File #s on which contacted		
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<b>JAMES CATUARA</b>	<b>92-1371</b>	[REDACTED]
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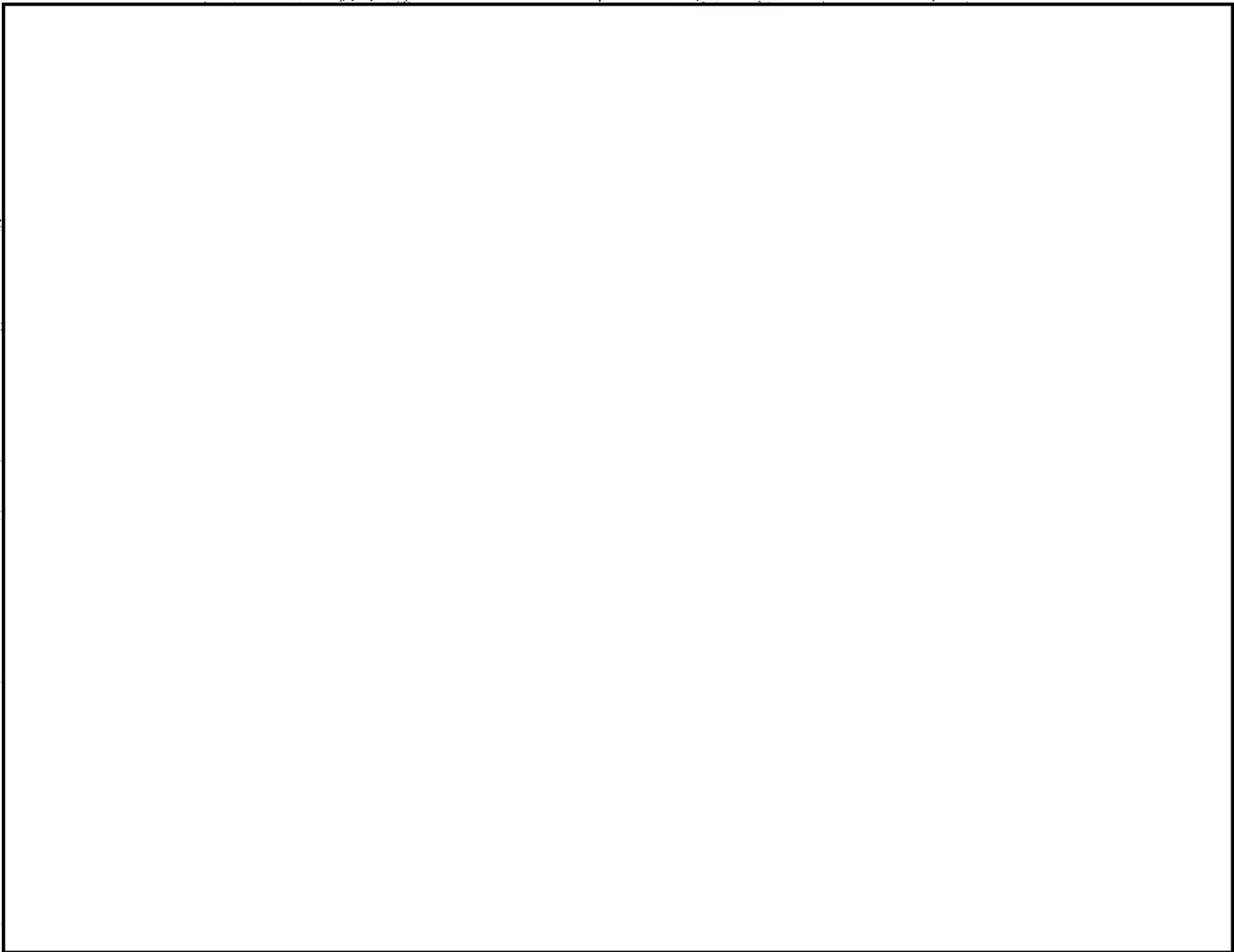
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He advised that he still sees JIMMY CATUARA [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
He said possibly CATUARA meets there more often than this [REDACTED]



He advised that as far as he was able to determine there are no big gambling games operating on the South Side of Chicago and that many of the individuals involved in gambling are finding it increasingly difficult to make a living in this field. He said some of these people manage

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to exist through their juice loans that even this field is becoming narrower. He advised that when gambling was in full swing the opportunity to lend juice money would be much greater since the players at the various games would be good prospects for these type loans. He said most of the customers for juice at this time were individuals who had poor credit ratings and that needed money temporarily for a number of different reasons. Informant advised that he would continue in his efforts to determine when and if any gambling operations are started in the southwest part of the city.

SAC, INDIANAPOLIS

3/25/64

*P* SAC, CHICAGO (92-1371)

JAMES "THE BOMBER" CATURA, aka  
"The Owl"  
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Indianapolis requested to contact [redacted]  
and determine his knowledge regarding the social and  
business relationship between this subject and [redacted]  
[redacted]

Subject was formerly a part owner of the  
gambling casino known as the Owl Club and several  
Glumet City, Illinois "strip joints". He is alleged  
to be attempting to take over control of organized  
criminal activity in South Cook County, Illinois  
in the event top hoodlum FRANK LA PORTE retires.

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TO: SAC, LOUISVILLE  
FROM: *✓* SAC, CHICAGO (92-1371)  
SUBJECT: JAMES "THE BOMBER" CATUARA, aka  
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Subject is a prominent figure in the control of organized crime in the south suburban Chicago area. An associate of the subject is presently confined in Louisville on local burglary charges. [redacted] Cook County Service Police, has advised that this individual has indicated a willingness to cooperate and furnish information to [redacted] regarding Chicago area robbery and the subject's position and operation in organized crime.

[redacted] plans to arrive in Louisville approximately 4/17/64. It is requested that Chicago immediately be furnished with the identity of Special Agent who can assist [redacted] in locating suitable accommodations and extend other courtesies which will assist the Bureau in obtaining valuable information regarding this subject.

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TO: SAC, CHICAGO (92-1371)  
 FROM: SAC, LOUISVILLE (92-447) (RUC)  
 SUBJECT: JAMES "THE BOMBER" CATUARA, aka.  
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Re Chicago airtel to Louisville dated 4/9/64.

In connection with [redacted] trip to Louisville,  
 [redacted] of the Louisville, Ky., PD has been  
 contacted and he has reserved the police department's guest  
 room for the night of April 17 and 18, 1964, in the event  
 [redacted] desires to use it. This room is made available  
 to visiting police officers without any cost to them. However,  
 if [redacted] desires motel or hotel accommodations during his  
 visit to Louisville, it is suggested that he contact SA [redacted]  
 [redacted] of the Louisville FBI Office. The office telephone  
 number is [redacted]

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 Special Agent in Charge

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TO : SAC CHICAGO

DATE: 4-27-64

**FROM : SA**

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**SUBJECT:**

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Dates of Contact <div style="text-align: center;">3/31 - 4/16/64</div>		
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Purpose and results of contact <div style="display: flex;"> <div style="width: 15%;"> <input type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE  <input type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE           </div> <div style="width: 85%;"> <p>On 3/31/64 informant advised that he recently learned that while Catuarea was in Florida for several weeks a short time ago Frank "Skid" Caruso took over his contacts in racket matters.</p> <p>Informant was recontacted on 4/16/64 and was unable to furnish any additional details.</p> </div> </div>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating <div style="text-align: center;">SAME</div>	Coverage <div style="text-align: center;">Same</div>
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Chicago, Illinois  
May 4, 1964

**JAMES CATUARA**  
**ANTI-RACKETEERING**

Reference is made to report of Special Agent  
[redacted] dated and captioned as above.

**CHARACTERIZATION OF INFORMANTS**

[redacted] is an individual who is familiar  
with gambling activities in southern Cook County,  
Illinois.

[redacted]  
[redacted] who requested his identity be protected.

[redacted] is an individual who has some  
knowledge of various surety bondsmen.

[redacted] is an individual who has a wide  
knowledge of financial arrangements in southern Cook  
County.

[redacted] is a gambler who has hoodlum connections.

[redacted] is an individual who has been  
familiar with the hoodlum operations in southern Cook  
County for many years.

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		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>ANTI-RACKETEERING</b>	

REFERENCE: Report of SA  dated 2/11/64,  
at Chicago.

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ENCLOSURESTO THE BUREAU

Enclosed for the Bureau are two (2) copies of letterhead memorandum setting forth characterization of informants.

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AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. Will continue to report investigation concerning background, associates, and activities of subject.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

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INFORMANTS

[redacted] contacted by SAs [redacted]  
[redacted]

[redacted] by request.

[redacted] contacted by SA [redacted]  
[redacted]

[redacted] contacted by SA [redacted]

[redacted] contacted by

SA [redacted]

[redacted] contacted by SAs [redacted]  
[redacted] at Kansas City.

[redacted] contacted by SA [redacted]  
[redacted]

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Copy to: 1 - USA, Chicago

Report of:  
Date:

SA [REDACTED]

5/4/69

Office:

Chicago, Illinois

Field Office File No.:

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Bureau File No.:

92-6931

Title:

JAMES CATUARA

Character:

ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis:

Subject recently received considerable newspaper notoriety for allegedly financing a large burglary and robbery gang in southern Cook County. Informants advised that the subject is a large operator in the "juice rackets" and intends to open a collection agency to handle this endeavor. One informant advises that the subject is a member of the Chicago Cosa Nostra family and receives a share of underworld profits from both the south side of Chicago and the southern suburbs. Subject continues to conduct business meetings at [REDACTED]. No activity noted at his residence, 10309 South Laramie, Oak Lawn, Illinois.

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DETAILS:

RESIDENCE

[redacted] Oak Lawn, Illinois, Police Department, advised on March 12 and April 20, 1964, that the subject and his family continue to reside at 10309 South Laramie Avenue, Oak Lawn, Illinois. They advised that repeated spot checks of the neighborhood disclosed little or no activity at the house, except that the subject appears to be at home during the late afternoon and evening. They advised that information indicates that the subject maintains a strict separation between his family life and his hoodlum operations. It is their opinion that all his business activities are conducted at locations outside of Oak Lawn, Illinois. [redacted] advised that he has made it a practice to question robbery and burglary suspects regarding their knowledge of the subject's operations and to date none have furnished any pertinent information other than the fact that CATUARA is a "big man" in the outfit. [redacted] advised that the subject's social life appears to be restricted to the neighborhood, most of which are known thieves and burglars who have been successful in their endeavors. He advised he has had no occasion to interview any of the neighbors inasmuch as practically all of them observe all laws in Oak Lawn, and practice their profession in the city of Chicago or other areas. [redacted]

[redacted] advised that they will continue to attempt to obtain pertinent information regarding the subject.

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**ACROSS DISCLOSURE**

It should be noted that [redacted] has previously been known to be a member of a large car theft ring operating in the Chicago area. [redacted]

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[redacted]  
[redacted] background  
in connection with the subject was brought to the attention  
of the proper Indiana authorities. In addition, it was  
noted that [redacted] was using a fraudulent [redacted]  
[redacted] address in an attempt to show Indiana residence.  
As a result of the above information, the Indiana  
authorities [redacted]  
[redacted]

[redacted] South Chicago Heights,  
Illinois. Police Department, advised on April 17, 1964,  
that [redacted] is "hurting financially." As a result, he  
is contemplating going on burglary scores in an effort  
to recoup his loss of income. [redacted] advised  
that he has heard through the "grape vine" that either  
the Chicago Police Department or the Cook County States  
Police have information concerning a specific forthcoming  
burglary to be committed by [redacted] It is [redacted]  
opinion that if [redacted] goes on a score, the police will  
be waiting for him, and he will not come out of the  
burglary alive. [redacted] advised that [redacted] has made  
many enemies both among police officers and other criminals.  
He has also heard rumors that CATUARA is getting ready  
to "dump him."

[redacted]  
junk yard for JIMMY CATUARA. The lot specialized in  
changing serial numbers on stolen automobiles to conform  
to fraudulent titles they were able to obtain through an  
unknown associate in the Illinois Department of Motor  
Vehicles.

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**FRANK LA PORTE**  
1730 Cambridge Road  
Flossmoor, Illinois

[redacted] advised on April 7, 1964, that "The Bomber" and LA PORTE have apparently "patched up" their difficulties. Informant stated that the basis for such a statement is because an unnamed friend of his observed LA PORTE and CATUARA having lunch at Babes Restaurant in Blue Island, Illinois. Conversation appeared cordial and friendly although there were two other unknown individuals with them at the table. Informant suggested that the two unknowns were bodyguards of LA PORTE and CATUARA, because neither of them appeared to enter into the conversation at any time. Informant advised he has heard other rumors to the effect that CATUARA is still attempting to take over active control of the area presently supervised by LA PORTE.

#### ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES

[redacted] advised on March 10, 1964, that CATUARA is becoming one of the wealthiest hoodlums in the Chicago area. He does not personally engage in any gambling activities and leads a quiet and restricted life. CATUARA takes very little active interest in the operation of the syndicate, but gets "a piece of everything from Madison Street in Chicago to Kankakee, Illinois." Informant advised that he does not know why the subject receives these proceeds, but he seems to because of his previous ability to handle difficult bombing jobs for the outfit. Informant advised that he has heard close associates of the subject describe him as being a genius as far as explosives are concerned.

[redacted] advised in March, 1964, that [redacted]  
[redacted] who were recently arrested by the Chicago  
Police for murder and narcotics violations were formerly  
employed by CATUARA [redacted]

[redacted]  
[redacted] Informant  
advised that he has no information that the murder was  
authorized or requested by the subject or any other outfit  
member.

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[redacted] advised that CATUARA is becoming very active in the "juice racket." He is presently in the process of setting up two unknown individuals to handle the operations and collections. The activity will be conducted using as a front a collection agency which will have offices somewhere in the southern suburbs.

This informant advised that there is presently a big poker game held on the weekends at the Lincoln Athletic Club on 14th Street in Chicago Heights, Illinois. The game is frequented by various hoodlums and operates biggest on the weekends. [redacted] at the club one evening when an unknown Irish boy won approximately \$1,800.00 and started to leave before the game broke up. Several individuals began making threats against this person when JOE GUZZINO, a gambler from Calumet City advised the group that the individual worked for CATUARA. As a result of this statement, the individual was allowed to leave without any further hindrance from the group.

On April 13, 1964, JOE GUZZINO was interviewed at the 5 O'Clock Club, Calumet City, Illinois. He admitted being a professional gambler and in friendship with JIMMY CATUARA as well as other unknown hoodlums. He denied that he had any knowledge of CATUARA's background or activities and stated he did not know the source of CATUARA's income.

"Chicago Sun Times," a daily newspaper, in an article dated February 21, 1964, reads in part as follows:

After describing the apprehension of several members of a robbery gang the newspaper reported that "some of the gang members, sheriff's detectives said, were on the hook to loan sharks working for Cosa Nostra gangster JIMMY (The Owl) CATUARA. The sheriff's investigation



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revealed that CATUARA and vice racketeer GUS RUBINO as the secret bosses of the robbery mob. The 'juice payments' on one gang member, DOUG ALDRIDGE, came to more than \$600.00 a week on a loan of some \$3,000.00, investigators said."

Another article in the same newspaper under the date of February 20, 1964, reads in part as follows:

"Sheriff's detectives said their investigation disclosed that a robbery gang of nearly 50 men was backed by a Cosa Nostra gambling chief and GUS RUBINO, former operator of a notorious vice and gambling resort in Dixmoor, Illinois. Henchmen of CATUARA, according to sheriff's police, raked off ten per cent of the estimated \$200,000.00 loot obtained by the gang in a series of holdups in which victims were slugged and shot.

"The hangout for the gang was identified by sheriff's detectives as RUBINO's Red Fence, 142nd and Wood Street, Dixmoor, Illinois. The place has been a target of police vice and gambling raids. RUBINO has a record of arrest on gambling charges. He has been seized by police for questioning in gang murders. He is a bail bondsman and a pal of CATUARA."

It is noted that previous investigation reported that CATUARA had called a meeting at the tavern owned by [redacted] Members of the gang were told that they were creating too much "heat," and that the outfit would no longer support them. If they were caught, they would be on their own.

[redacted] advised that he had obtained information that [redacted] makes payments of \$50.00 a week to families of gang members who are serving time in various penitentiaries. Informant also stated that CATUARA makes mortgage payments for special friends of his who were with the outfit.

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Informant further advised that CATUARA was a member of the "family" in Chicago. Informant stated that the Government push has hurt the family. The family has to offer a legitimate business front for its members. If it cannot offer illegal income there is no advantage to joining. Informant stated that Government pressure is reducing illegal income and the advantage of being a family member is lessening. Informant stated he has heard that CATUARA is no longer making as many payments as he formerly did because of a general tightening of law enforcement in Cook County, Illinois.

[redacted] advised on March 3, 1964, that JIMMY CATUARA can be observed about once a week at [redacted] in Chicago. Informant said possibly CATUARA meets there more often but not with any great regularity. In addition to CATUARA, "SKID" CARUSO and [redacted] also meet at the [redacted] address to discuss matters with CATUARA. Their meetings usually last until around 12:00 Noon, and then all three leave, supposedly to take care of their other business matters. Informant stated that as far as he has been able to determine there are no big gambling games operating on the south side of Cook County, and that many of the individuals involved in gambling are finding it increasingly difficult to make a living in this field. He said that some of these people manage to exist through their juice loans, but that even this field is becoming narrow. When gambling was in full swing the opportunity to lend juice money would be much greater since the players at the various games would be good prospects for these type loans. He said most of the customers for juice at this time were individuals who had poor credit ratings and needed money temporarily for a number of different reasons.

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Chicago, Illinois  
May 4, 1964

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Title            **JAMES CATUARA**

Character       **ANTI-RACIST/BLIND**

Reference       **Report of Special Agent**  
                 **[redacted] dated**  
                 **and captioned as above.**

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (92-1371)

FROM : SAC, INDIANAPOLIS (92-618) (RUC)

SUBJECT: JAMES "THE BOMBER" CATURA, aka;  
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DATE: 5/11/64

OO: CG

Reurlet, 3/25/64.

On 4/28/64, [redacted] furnished the following information to SA [redacted]

He does not know the social relationship between CATURA and [redacted]. He knows that [redacted] does "work" for CATURA. An example is that a "non-outfit" gambling or prostitution house will arise [redacted] for CATURA. He said [redacted] is indebted to CATURA for at least \$5000 which money was advanced to [redacted]. This money was believed to have been deposited with [redacted] in the name of [redacted].

Informant said there seems to be "bad blood" between FRANK LA PORTE and JAMES CATURA. He offered two reasons. [redacted]

[redacted] Secondly, CATURA has, upon the urging and assistance of [redacted] taken over a couple of gambling or vice locations formerly in FRANK LA PORTE's territory.

Informant said CATURA is strange in that he would rather make \$100 illegally than to make \$1000 legally. He said the same is not true with respect to [redacted] be in legal activities only.

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M E M O R A N D U M

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI [REDACTED]

DATE: 6/17/64

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

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ReBulet to Chicago, dated 4/27/64.

On 6/9/64 [REDACTED] was interviewed by SAs [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was sociable during the course of the

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[REDACTED]  
(JAMES CATUARA)  
(CARUSO)  
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The informant stated that he has become aware through his contacts that the United States Government is making serious inroads against organized crime, particularly in the gambling field. He stated, however, as a substitute for the revenue lost in connection with gambling, that members of organized crime have substituted the lucrative juice racket to replace their losses in the gambling field.

He stated that the "outfit" which to him means the Chicago area "family" controls organized crime in the Chicago area and said that their influence extends far beyond Chicago and they have connections throughout the country. He stated there is a definite tie-in between organized crime on a national scale throughout the United States. He advised that the connections between territorial organizations are real strong and that they respect various territorial rights amongst them. He advised that representatives of each area meet on occasions to iron out difficulties and problems that arise throughout the country. He stated that he has never heard of the organization being called LaCosa Nostra and felt that it was a localized name for organized crime which came out of the New York area through VALACI's statements.

He stated that the old Mafia or black-hand originating from Sicily and Italy are referred to in the Chicago area as "our friends" or "the family." During the discussion, the

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informant referred to some members of the Mafia, the older members, as "mustachios" or "whiskers." He stated that BRUNO ROTI, now deceased but a powerful man in the Chicago area, was a mustachio. He stated that ROTI was a big wheel in the Chicago area in organized crime and that ANTHONY J. ACCARDO and PAUL RICCA came to see [REDACTED] on many occasions. He stated that [REDACTED] for many years in the Chicago area promoted the idea that he was a kindly and always helpful individual to people sympathetic with organized crime. However, he said in actuality ROTI was a selfish individual who would not help anyone and left all of his money to his remaining sons. He advised that FRANK "SKID" CARUSO, who is married to [REDACTED] has since ROTI's death taken over a lot of ROTI's property and said that both CARUSO and JAMES CATUARA, who are "family" members have taken over control of the area formerly bossed by [REDACTED] He said that CATUARA and CARUSO have control of the Bridgeport area of Chicago, which is commonly known in the Chicago area as the "Patch" or the areas adjacent to the Chicago River. He said that both CATUARA and CARUSO get a percentage of all of the gambling, burglaries and other types of crime committed in that area.

Concerning CARUSO and CATUARA, he stated that [REDACTED] and FRANK LA PORTE, who control the southern area of Cook County and who are "family" members, are fading in authority in their area, and CARUSO and CATUARA are getting stronger and may soon take over their authority. He advised that CARUSO and CATUARA are closely associated to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] He said that both CATUARA and CARUSO are able to influence [REDACTED] who is a close associate of [REDACTED] The informant did not say whether [REDACTED] was a "family" member.



SAC, LAS VEGAS

June 30, 1964

✓ SAC, CHICAGO (92-1371)

JAMES CATUARA, aka.  
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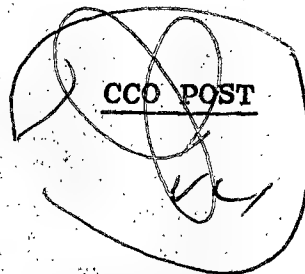
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[redacted] advised that the subject has left the Chicago area for a combination business-pleasure trip to Las Vegas. One of his reasons for leaving is to attempt to either purchase an interest in a gambling club or a company involved in gambling equipment.

Las Vegas is requested to contact logical informants and officials of the O'Neal Company in an attempt to determine if subject is in fact in the area and his activities while there.

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**REFERENCE:** Report of SA [REDACTED] dated 5/4/64,  
at Chicago.  
Chicago letter to Louisville, dated 3/30/64.

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Enclosed are two copies of a letterhead memorandum setting forth characterization of informants.

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investigation concerning background, associates and activities of this subject.

ADMINISTRATIVE

It is noted that the investigative period in this report is extensive. The case was maintained in a current status through inter-office communications. The reporting Agent was also involved in a special of the Chicago Office entitled "UNSUB; [redacted] - Victim, KIDNAPING".

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## Title:

JAMES CATUARA

## Character:

ANTI-RACKETEERING

## Synopsis:

Subject continues to reside in Oak Lawn, Illinois. Spot checks in the area reflect very little activity. Subject reportedly traveled to Las Vegas, Nevada, on combination business - pleasure trip in June, 1964. Subject reported to have some degree of control over most burglars in the South Suburban area of Chicago. His control comes from the fact that the various fences are indebted to him. Subject continues to take active interest in gambling activities in the "patch area" of Chicago.

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DETAILS:

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[redacted]  
[redacted] Oak Lawn, Illinois Police Department advised on June 6, July 12, and July 30, 1964, that the subject and his family continue to maintain a residence at 10309 South Laramie Avenue, Oak Lawn, Illinois. They advised that they continue to spot check the neighborhood and little or no activity at the house has been noted. The only information they have observed is the fact that one of the subject's neighbors, [redacted]

[redacted] has moved his family from that residence and a new family has moved in. They have learned that the new family, name unknown, is supposedly one of the "south side's best burglars" and a close friend of the subject's. They advised that they occasionally observe [redacted]

[redacted] It appears to them that there is a possibility a strange relationship between the subject and [redacted] family inasmuch as immediately subsequent to [redacted]

[redacted] frequently, however, in the recent past a considerable lack of activity has been noted, according to their sources.

Associates

[redacted]  
[redacted] has recently left Chicago area and is now living somewhere in the State of Florida. It is the informant's opinion that the [redacted]

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Informant advised that he had also heard from a source, that he does not consider to be completely reliable, that the subject and other hoodlums who live and operate in the South Cook County area either own or have access to a C-47 aircraft which is possibly maintained at Midway Airport in Chicago. Informant stated that if the information is correct he is positive that such a large aircraft would be owned and licensed under a legitimate name. He indicated that he made inquiry in an effort to verify the information.

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[redacted] South Chicago Heights Police Department advised that in conversation with local burglars from his town he has learned that CATUARA continues to give the OK for most of the major burglaries committed in the South side section of Chicago. He stated he does not have any information indicating why it is necessary for the burglars to clear with the subject prior to committing their burglaries but indications are that unless it is cleared they are unable to fence the "loot", because CATUARA controls most of the big fences on the south side.

[redacted] advised that [redacted] Illinois, "works" for CATUARA. The association originally started when CATUARA loaned a fairly large amount of money to [redacted]

[redacted]

On June 8, 1964, [redacted]

[redacted] Chicago, Illinois, advised that he had previously been employed as [redacted]

approximately four years before he [redacted]

[redacted] He advised that he had heard [redacted]

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rumors to the effect that JIMMY "The Bomber" CATUARA "owned" [redacted] and the Areana Auto Auction. During the negotiation for the business it appeared that [redacted] was the only owner and did not have to check with any other person to consummate the action. He advised that he had heard that [redacted] JIMMY CATUARA originally bought the property in the late 1930s intending to build a building and use it as a roller skating rink. Before this could be completed World War II came around and no materials were available. In view of this [redacted] and CATUARA sold out to [redacted]

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[redacted]  
CATUARA and [redacted] bombed the house because they felt [redacted] had cheated them.

[redacted]  
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[redacted] had his lawyer run a complete title search to the property because he was afraid that hoodlums might try to take over after the sale. As the result of the attorney's inquiry he is positive that no hoodlums ever appeared on the title to the property and he added that he has never been bothered by them. He advised that [redacted] that several "pretty rough boys" hung around the place but that [redacted] appeared to be in charge and that they were merely loafers. [redacted]  
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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that he has never heard the name JAMES CATUARA and has no knowledge of his activities. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

On June 1, 1964, [REDACTED] was observed entering the CATUARA residence. It appeared that [REDACTED] for the CATUARAS.

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On May 15, 1964, the subject's car, a 1956, license 582900 observed parked in front of Hock SAC Club on 31st Street, Chicago, at 11:00 a.m.

[redacted] Cook County Sheriff's Office, Major Investigation Division, advised that on July 20, 1964, that he had recently received information from a unnamed confidential source that a new group of burglars were organizing a gang in the Chicago Heights Area. They obtained a "core grill" from the Star Equipment Company in Chicago Heights. He stated that he understands that this gang is responsible to JIMMY CATUARA and is replacing the previous gang known as the [redacted] most of whom have been prosecuted and are presently serving sentences for burglary. He stated that CATUARA supposedly is able to "fence" practically all obtained in the burglaries. It is his understanding that CATUARA never sees the property nor does he never have it within his possession or personal control. The various burglars will contact CATUARA and advise him of what they have available at this time. He will contact a small fence who will then contact the burglar direct and attempt to agree on a price. When negotiations are completed CATUARA supposedly gets an unknown per cent of the sale.

[redacted] advised on June 30, 1964, that the subject has left the area for a combination business - pleasure trip to Las Vegas. One of his reasons for leaving is an attempt to either purchase an interest in a gambling club or buy a company which is involved in the manufacturing of gambling equipment. Informant further stated that CATUARA continues to maintain his gambling activities in the "patch area" of Chicago.

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Chicago, Illinois  
August 11, 1964

**JAMES CATUARA**  
**ANTI-RACKETEERING**

Reference is made to report of  
Special Agent [redacted] dated and captioned  
as above.

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**CHARACTERIZATION OF INFORMANTS**

[redacted] is an individual who is  
involved in some criminal activities in the  
South Suburban area of Chicago.

[redacted] is an individual who has some  
knowledge of bail bond activities.

[redacted] is an individual who has considerable  
contacts among the organized crime element in South  
Cook County.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (92-1371)

FROM : *[Signature]* SAC, LAS VEGAS (92-1384) (RUC)

SUBJECT: JAMES CATUARA, aka;  
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DATE: August 26, 1964

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Re Chicago letter, dated 6/30/64.

On 8/18/64, PCI [redacted] (conceal) advised that he knows many of the hoodlums from Chicago, Illinois, but could not place CATUARA, and had not been contacted by any of the Chicago hoodlum element who desired to purchase his business.

On 8/17/64, [redacted]  
[redacted] had not been contacted by JAMES CATUARA or any other individuals desiring to purchase the business.

On 8/20/64, [redacted] advised SA [redacted] that they had no record of JAMES CATUARA having stayed at their hotel during 1964.

Informants of the Las Vegas Division were unable to furnish any information regarding the activities of the subject.

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1 - Las Vegas

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TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES  
FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (92-1371)  
SUBJECT: JAMES "THE BOMBER" CATURARA, aka  
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[redacted] advised that he recently heard that the subject, a gambling czar in Chicago, has recently become involved in some type of legitimate business in Los Angeles. Informant advised that the purpose of this was in order for him to retire from the syndicate at some future date.

Subject described as white, male, 5'6", weight 172 pounds, date of birth 9/26/05, Italy, hair chestnut, eyes hazel, complexion ruddy, build heavy, nationality Italian, occupation gambler.

Los Angeles requested to conduct bgical credit inquiry to determine if subject known in that area.

✓ 2 - Los Angeles  
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TITLE OF CASE  <b>JAMES CATUARA, Aka</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>SA [REDACTED]</b>	TYPED BY <b>jas</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>AR</b>	

**REFERENCES:** Report of SA [REDACTED] dated 8/11/64,  
at Chicago.  
Chicago airtel to Los Angeles dated 9/30/64.

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ENCLOSURES

TO BUREAU

Two copies of a characterization of informants.

LEADS

Leads to other field divisions are being set forth as they are developed.

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AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. Will continue to investigate and report subject's activities.

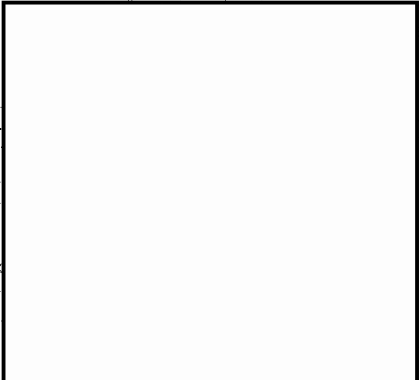
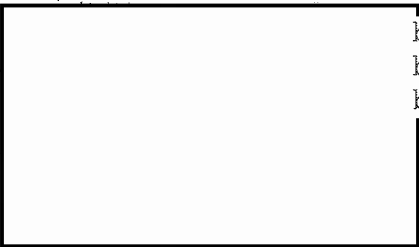
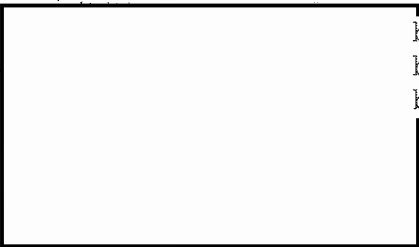
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ADMINISTRATIVE

It is noted that the investigative period in this report is extensive. However, this case was maintained in a current status through interoffice communications.

INFORMANTS

<u>Informant</u>	<u>Date Contacted</u>	<u>Contacting Agent</u>
	8/18/64	Las Vegas Agent
	9/18/64	SA 
	8/13/64	SA 

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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Copy to: 1-USA, Chicago

Report of: SA [REDACTED]  
Date: 10/27/64

Office: Chicago

Field Office File No.: 92-1371

Bureau File No.: 92-0931

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Title: JAMES GATTARA

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis: This subject continues to reside at 10309 South Larom, Oak Lawn, Illinois. Spot checks by local authorities disclosed no activity of a criminal nature conducted at residence. Arrangements for payment of gambling debts in south suburban Cook County are decided by the subject and FRANK LA PORTE of Plossmoor, Illinois. Subject appears to be closely associated with [REDACTED] a known bookmaker of south Chicago. No information developed that subject intended to purchase property or business in Las Vegas, Nevada area.

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DETAILS:

[redacted]  
[redacted] Oak Lawn, Illinois Police Department, advised on September 11, 24, October 8 and 13, 1964, that frequent spot checks of the subject's residence and neighborhood reflect no activity of a suspicious nature at the house. They advised that they did not observe any automobiles parked in the immediate vicinity of the subject's and that the subject appears to retire about 10:30 or 11 o'clock at night.

The Las Vegas Office, by communication dated September 26, 1964, advised that [redacted]  
[redacted]

[redacted] had not been contacted by JAMES CATUARA or any other individual who indicated a desire to purchase the business.

[redacted]  
Las Vegas, advised SA [redacted] that they had no record of JAMES CATUARA having stayed at their hotel during 1964. [redacted] advised that he was acquainted with many of the hoodlums from the Chicago, Illinois area but was not acquainted with JAMES CATUARA. He advised that he has no information indicating that any of the Chicago hoodlum element desires to purchase the O'Neil Company, a major dice manufacturer in Las Vegas, Nevada.

[redacted] advised on September 30, 1964, that [redacted] is a close associate of JAMES CATUARA. He advised that [redacted] and Chicago top hoodlum [redacted] and the subject meet frequently at Jennie's Restaurant, 91st and Stony Island Avenue. He assures

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the purpose of their meeting is to discuss the bookmaking operations. It is the source's opinion that [redacted] is one of the biggest bookmakers operating in the Chicago area and that CATARA has part of his "action."

The source advised that [redacted] of Calumet City, Illinois, has [redacted]. The game has several locations and he is assisted by [redacted] of Calumet City. The source advised that in the past he has seen [redacted] at such conferences and assumes that the subject has some authority and responsibility regarding the game in Cicero. The source stated that all of the big gambling games have moved from the southern part of Cook County and are now operating in the Gary, Indiana area. East Chicago, Indiana and Hammond, Indiana are both closed, but Gary continues to be wide open. He is positive that the Chicago "boys" want control of the Gary operation but he has no information indicating that they have been successful in taking over control of the major gambling in that city.

[redacted] spoke to the subject regarding the offer and CATARA allegedly told him that he did not want [redacted] around and that [redacted] could not sell his business to him. As a result the business was not sold and following the arrest of [redacted] the tavern was closed and "old man [redacted] moved to Florida.

[redacted] advised that [redacted] Illinois, is a burglar and strong arm robber who works directly under the subject. In addition, [redacted]

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somewhere in southern Illinois. The informant advised that [redacted] among other duties, is constantly alert for other burglars and robbers who have merchandise or money taken from various burglaries. [redacted]

[redacted]

The source stated that the subject and FRANK LA PORTE are concerned about the situation in Chicago Heights, Illinois. [redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted] are arresting all people who have no money in order to make it appear that the town is being reformed. The informant advised there is little question but what [redacted] is making money and "deals" with other thieves who have sufficient funds to make payoffs to [redacted]

[redacted] Illinois Police Department, advised that he has an informant who has previously furnished valuable information in the past. This informant advised him that on October 1, 1964, FRANK LA PORTE, [redacted] RALPH EMBRY, JOE GUZZINO, [redacted] had a meeting in Calumet City, Illinois. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss plans concerning various shakeups and robberies to be held in the area. The informant advised [redacted]

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that the subject often meets with [redacted] and his associates in FRANK FUSHI's tavern, The Top Hat, in Harvey, Illinois. The police informant further stated that since [redacted]

[redacted] has been alerted to make bond for members of the [redacted] gang in the event they are arrested.

[redacted] stated that in questioning the unnamed informant, the source stated that there is still "bad blood" between the subject and FRANK LA PORTE and that it is his understanding that the feud goes back to a Chicago Heights hoodlum and pimp named [redacted] who is supposed to have crossed the subject at one time but is a good friend of LA PORTE. RALPH EMERY of Chicago Heights also supports [redacted] and this has caused friction between the subject and LA PORTE.

This same source advised that [redacted]

On October 12, 1964, [redacted] advised that the above informant had contacted him and stated that [redacted] with the okay of the subject, was planning to rob a bank in Galesburg, Illinois. He

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advised that the subject would have no actual part in the robbery but merely gave his okay for the [redacted] gang to go ahead and "hit the bank." The informant advised that [redacted] is not a member of the syndicate and does not take his orders directly from the subject but that he is deeply involved with the syndicate in south Cook County and can do very little of an illegal nature without first speaking with someone responsible.

The source stated that he has heard [redacted] make the claim that he has personal knowledge of two murders committed in the Chicago area.

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In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Chicago, Illinois  
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Title

**JAMES CATUARA**

Character

**ANTI-RACKETEERING**

Reference

**is made to the report of Special  
Agent [redacted] dated and  
captioned as above.**

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities  
are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable  
information in the past.

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1-USA, Chicago  
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Chicago, Illinois  
October 27, 1964

**JAMES CATUARA**  
**ANTI-RACKETEERING**

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Reference is made to the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated and captioned as above.

**CHARACTERIZATION OF INFORMANTS**

[redacted] is an individual who has knowledge of businesses manufacturing gambling paraphernalia in Las Vegas, Nevada.

[redacted] is an individual who has a wide knowledge of illegal activity being conducted in southern Cook County, Illinois.

[redacted]  
[redacted]

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1-Chicago (92-1371)

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11/23/64

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TO: SAC, CHICAGO

FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (92-new)

WORLD WIDE MORTGAGE CORPORATION,  
WHEELING, ILLINOIS  
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On 11/22/64, [redacted]  
[redacted] telephonically contacted the CV Division  
from Toledo, Ohio, and stated he had information concerning  
activities of the syndicate in CG.

[redacted] was interviewed at his home on 11/22/64  
by SA [redacted] and advised he [redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted]

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[redacted] advised he believes he is followed and that his office phones are tapped. He also stated that when he was in CG, he would contact the FBI Office and set up a meeting. He advised he would do this and would probably due it on

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] stated he would cooperate in any way possible  
with the FBI.

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AT CHICAGO, ILL.

Will evaluate the above information and will make  
arrangements to interview [REDACTED] when he calls the CG Office.

SAC, CHICAGO [REDACTED]

11/2/64

SA [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

On 11/23/64, at 8:30 a.m., SAC EARL BROWN of the Cleveland Office telephonically contacted me concerning captioned individual. He said that [REDACTED] had called the Cleveland Office on 10/22/64 from Toledo, Ohio, and furnished considerable information concerning [REDACTED] hoodlums in the Chicago

area. According to [REDACTED] World Wide Mortgage Company, 250 East Dundee, Wheeling, Illinois, which is controlled by Chicago hoodlums. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
has learned of their reputations [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

SAC BROWN stated that [REDACTED] mentioned the following names of individuals as being connected in these financial dealings as follows:

[REDACTED]  
GUIDO FIDANZI, A Chicago Heights mobster  
MILWAUKEE PHIL ALDERISIO  
JAMES CATUARA

- [REDACTED]
- 1 - 92-1371 (JAMES CATUARA)  
1 - 92-415 (MILWAUKEE PHIL ALDERISIO)  
1 - 92- (WORLD WIDE MORTGAGE COMPANY)

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SAC BROWN mentioned that these individuals may have some connection with Pocono Downs Race Track and the Southern California Cement Company. SAC BROWN stated that he was making this information available for evaluation by the Chicago Division and that [REDACTED] was arriving in Chicago from Houston on 11/23/64 and would be making contact with the Chicago Division in this connection.

At 11:00 a.m., 11/23/64, [REDACTED] telephonically contacted SA [REDACTED] from Houston, Texas. He explained that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] said that he was leaving Houston on 11/22/64 via Delta Airlines Flight 98 which would be arriving at O'Hare Airport at 8:52 p.m. the same date. He requested to meet with several agents so that he could go into detail on all of the financial manipulations he is presently involved in with Chicago area hoodlums.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

MEMORANDUM

TO : S.A.C. CHICAGO ( 92-1371)

DATE: 11/30/64

FROM : S.A.C. LOS ANGELES (92-1760) (RUC)

SUBJECT: JAMES "THE BOMBER" CATURARA, aka  
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OO: CHICAGO

Re Chicago airtel to Los Angeles 9/30/64.

The indices of the Los Angeles Office were negative concerning the subject of this case.

PCI [REDACTED] (CONCEAL IDENTITY) advised on 11/12/64 that he was not acquainted with CATURARA.

On 11/30/64 the records of the Retail Merchants Credit Association (RMCA) were checked by I.C. [REDACTED] but no record was located for CATURARA.

In view of the above no further investigation will be conducted by this office at this time.

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SAC, ST. LOUIS

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SAC, CHICAGO (92-1613) (92-1371)

RE

Re Chicago airtel dated 8/31/64.

Additional information developed regarding multi-million fraud being operated by subject and other Chicago area hoodlums. Airplane trip to St. Louis mentioned in referenced airtel was made by JAMES "THE BOMBER" CATUARA, FELIX "MILWAUKEE PHIL" ALDERISO and the subject. They were in contact with [redacted] who has been described as "a big man in the construction business." He is also alleged to have been involved with IRS in a tax scandal.

St. Louis is requested to obtain background information on [redacted] from established sources and attempt to determine if he is associated with the criminal element of St. Louis or is a victim in a fraud being operated by Chicago hoods. It is not desired that he be interviewed at this time.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO [redacted]

DATE: December 24, 1964

FROM : SA [redacted]

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SUBJECT: [redacted]

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**Dates of Contact**

12/10, 12/11, and 12/16/64

Places and File No. on which contacted

[redacted]

168-104 (SA [redacted])  
168-53 (SA [redacted])

JIMMY CATUARA

168-197 (SA [redacted])  
92-1371 (SA [redacted])

[redacted]

168-181 (SA [redacted])

POLICE CORRUPTION

100-20290 (SA [redacted])

92-350 Sub 14 (SA [redacted])

168-88 (SA [redacted])

Re

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☒ POSITIVE

**Purpose:** Obtain information concerning interstate gambling activities.

**Results:** See attached.

☒ Informant certified that he had furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

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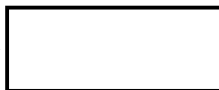
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**JIMMY CATUARA**  
**Chicago file 92-1371**

On December 10, 1964 and December 16, 1964,  
informant advised as follows:



[redacted] CATUARA was handling  
boy merchandise at the time and was known as "The Bomber."

[redacted] CATUARA told  
[redacted] that he handled shoes, slacks and other clothes.  
Informant thinks that CATUARA obtains his merchandise from  
young boys who would go out and steal one or two items at  
a time and bring them to CATUARA. He does not think CATUARA  
handles merchandise from any large cartage thefts. He does  
recall, however, that on one occasion CATUARA tried to sell  
some stolen cigarettes which had no stamps on the cigarette  
packages. CATUARA, eight years ago, used to spend some of  
his time hanging around the South Cottage Grove area.



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[redacted]  
to CATUARA, [redacted] that he was the head man over a horse book operation extending all the way from Calumet City to City Hall in Chicago. CATUARA talked as if he were the top man in this operation. CATUARA hangs around the 31st Street and Princeton area playing cards and shooting pool with his friends and associates. CATUARA and his friends hold business meetings in the back room, the place where they shoot pool. This pool room is located on the north side of 31st Street about two doors west of Princeton. The building has a regular store front and anyone can walk in off the street.

[redacted] CATUARA at this location about a year ago and knows that he also used to hang around this location eight years ago.

*Informant  
Answer*  
On a Friday night at midnight during July, 1962, [redacted] CATUARA and six of his associates leave for Arizona to attend a big meeting there. The seven men went in four cars. One other individual not known to informant rode with CATUARA in CATUARA's 1962 red over white Oldsmobile. Informant does not know where in Arizona this meeting was held but learned from CATUARA that the temperature was over 100 degrees where they were going.

When CATUARA returned from Arizona he picked up his family and drove to Disneyland. Prior to his departure for Disneyland, CATUARA told [redacted] that he "wanted to enjoy some of that money." CATUARA did not go into detail concerning this money.

Five of the individuals who went to Arizona are unknown to informant but informant would recognize their photograph. He heard that one of the men came from the north side.

Two of CATUARA's friends are [redacted]  
[redacted] the latter being involved in narcotics approximately a year ago.

00 [redacted]

[redacted]

The 31st Street-Princeton area is a hangout for thieves and narcotics peddlers and they control the area. [redacted]

[redacted] CATUARA prevented a Chicago policeman from ticketing the car. Informant has learned that CATUARA has "a lot of voice" and is a dangerous person to cross. He has heard that CATUARA used to kill people by putting poison in their drink; however, he does not think CATUARA appears to be the type who would kill anyone. He identified a photograph of CATUARA who he said resides in the Beverly Hills section of Chicago located at 95th Street. He knows CATUARA to be a friend of [redacted] a bail bondsman.

[redacted]

Informant has observed that CATUARA still retains many of his penitentiary habits. CATUARA rises early, bathes every night, takes a 2:00 PM nap and has regular eating habits. CATUARA rises at 7:00 AM every day and is through for the day by noon.

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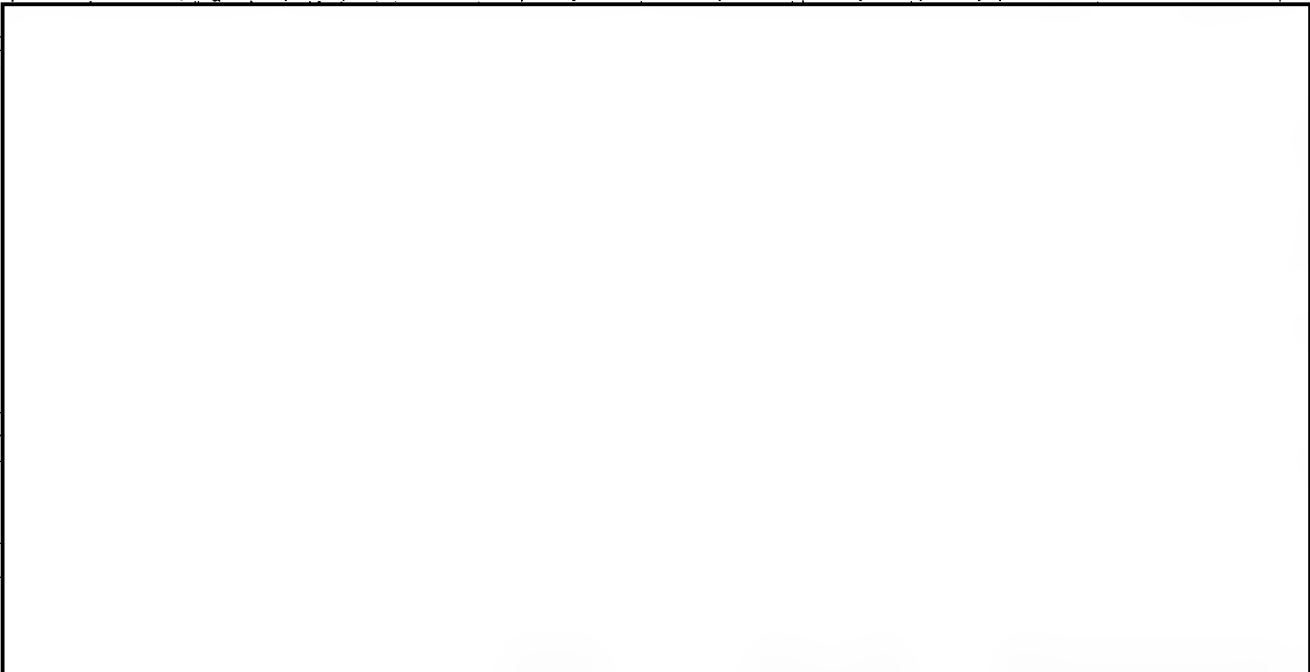
**POLICY OPERATION**  
**4703 and 4720 SOUTH**  
**SOUTH PARK AVENUE,**  
**CHICAGO, ILLINOIS**  
**Chicago File 163-127**

On December 10, 1964, informant advised as follows:

Informant has not heard of any policy operation in this area of South Park and does not know who would attempt to go in this area at this time as it is too hot due to police heat. In addition, there are no parking facilities in the area. He said, however, that it is possible a policy station could be located here handling bets on any wheel in the city.

[REDACTED]  
**Chicago File 163-104**

On December 10, 1964, informant advised as follows:



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On December 11, 1964, informant identified a  
photograph of [REDACTED]  
Police Identification Record [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Chicago file 155-88

On December 16, 1964, informant advised that  
[REDACTED] in the  
Park View Harbor policy wheel, had been fired.

12/26/64

AIRTEL

TO : SAC, PHOENIX  
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (92-1371) (P)  
SUBJECT: JAMES CATUARA, aka  
"The Bomber", "The Owl",  
Vincenzo Catuara  
AR

A Chicago source has advised that captioned subject, along with six other males, attended a crime syndicate meeting held in Phoenix, Arizona, during 7/62. Subject and others left Chicago on a Friday at midnight during 7/62, using four autos. Subject drove a 1962 red over white Oldsmobile, license number unknown.

JAMES CATUARA is described as a white male, age 59, born 9/26/05, Italy, 5'3 3/4", 175 pounds, chestnut black hair, hazel-green eyes, ruddy complexion, residence 10309 S. Laramie, Oak Lawn, Illinois.

Phoenix is requested to furnish Chicago information from indices concerning subject and furnish information re the alleged crime syndicate meeting in Phoenix during 7/62.

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TO : SAC , CHICAGO [REDACTED]

DATE: 1/26/65

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

PCI

## Dates of Contact

## Titles and File #s on which contacted

WORLD WIDE MORTGAGE CORP., WHEELING,

92-1780

ILLINOIS, AR [REDACTED]

FELIX "MILWAUKEE PHIL" ALDERISIO, aka.

92-415

AR (Kempff)

JAMES " THE BOMBER" CATUARA, aka AR

92-1371

## Purpose and results of contact

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☐ Informant certified that he has  
furnished all information obtained  
by him since last contact.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC Chicago [redacted]

DATE: 2/1/65

FROM : SA [redacted]

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SUBJECT: [redacted]

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Dates of Contact

1/28/65

Titles and File #s on which contacted

1. JAMES CATUARA, aka  
Top Hoodlum

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2. [redacted]  
ITSP

SA [redacted]  
87-24078  
SA [redacted]

Purpose and results of contact

☐ NEGATIVE  
☒ POSITIVE

- On 1/28/65 CI stated that JAMES CATUARA, has been attending all of the "home" games of the Chicago Black Hawks hockey team. At a recent game when the New York Rangers were in town Catuara was seen in conversation with [redacted] former burglar and operator of reportedly "hoodlum" controlled restaurants. CI was unable to determine the nature of this conversation. He further advised that Catuara is very friendly with [redacted] CI stated that he thinks that [redacted] works for Catuara in some capacity and would attempt to find out. Catuara according to CI was planning to go to Florida again in March of this year.
  - CI stated that one [redacted] from around Chicago Heights, Ill., [redacted] was involved with subject [redacted] IN THE RECEIVING of bad checks or money orders in Las Vegas, Nev.
- ☒ Informant furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.
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## RECORD OF INFORMATION FURNISHED OTHER AGENCIES

Orally 1-11-65 By Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Written Communication \_\_\_\_\_  
date date date

Information concerning:

JAMES CATUANA, aka "THE Bomber"

Information furnished from File, Serial, and Page Number:

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Information furnished was obtained:

☒ during course of Bureau investigation

☐ from informants

☐ from complainants or other sources

Information furnished to:

[Redacted]

OAKLAND, ILL. P.D.

Remarks:

He was advised of [Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

cc -

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[Redacted]

Special Agent  
FBI - CHICAGO

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SAC, CHICAGO (92-1613)

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SAC, ST. LOUIS (92-1181) (RUC)

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Re Chicago letter to St. Louis 12/22/64.

[REDACTED]

involved in the Labor Discount Center, Inc., a \$5,000,000 shopping center located at 1795 Dunn Road, St. Louis County, Mo. This shopping center was originally to be opened only on a membership basis, with memberships being sold only to members of labor unions for \$2. Salesmen for the project were [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] hoodlums of many years ago. The Labor Discount Center ran into financial difficulties and a foreclosure suit against them was filed. One of the factors allegedly contributing to the collapse of this discount center was the refusal of the Teamsters Union to deliver on a tentative commitment to invest \$1,666,000 in the project. The money was allegedly to have come from the Pension Fund of the union's Central States, Southeast and Southwest Areas.

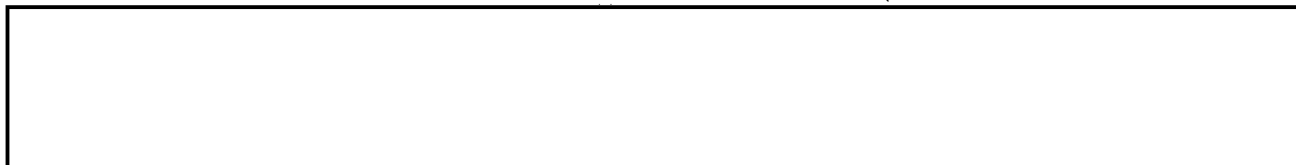
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Should any additional information be developed regarding the identity of the individuals involved, Chicago will be advised.

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*Memorandum*

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (92-1371)

DATE: 2/12/65

FROM : SAC, PHOENIX (92-553) (RUC)

SUBJECT: JAMES CATUARA, aka  
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Reurairtel, 12/26/64.

Phoenix has no information concerning the alleged crime syndicate meeting referred to in reairtel.

In addition, Phoenix indices are negative concerning subject.

CHICAGO is requested to thoroughly interview your source on this matter and furnish further details to Phoenix.

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He furnished the following information:

JIMMY CATUARA and "Milwaukee Phil" ALDERISIO own a coffee machine dispensary company in Chicago. He does not know the name or location but is positive that all their delivery trucks are maroon and white in color and that they supply various industrial plants in the Cook County area.

CATUARA and other hoodlums buy most of their automobiles from Mike Peterson Oldsmobile Agency in Crown Point Indiana.

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The most often used meeting place for the outfit in south Cook County is at the Club Palace located just south of Sidney Boulevard on Terrence Avenue in Calumet City, Illinois. Several evenings a week CATUARA and [redacted] hold court" in the back room of the club. There is a small kitchen and television set in the room and it is often frequented by PALARMO's hoodlum friends. He advised that he has been in the room when robberies and burglaries are being planned. -3

In Chicago Heights, Illinois there are several "floating" gambling and poker games that cater to the industrial workers in that city. The main gambling operation for the hoodlum gamblers is a tavern located on the northeast corner of the main street in Stoge, Illinois. [redacted]

[redacted] claims that he is retiring from all illegal and hoodlum activities. [redacted]

Southside Chicago hoodlums control ASCAP. This organization collects payment from all businesses that use "piped-music." [redacted] (LNU) is one of the main contractors and operates from the Crossroads Restaurant in Oak Forest, Illinois.

CATUARA is a part-owner of the Ford Agency located at 78th and Stoney Island Avenue. He is also part-owner of Silvino's (ph) Furniture Company located on the northside of Chicago. [redacted] (ph) formerly of Blue Island, Illinois is one of the best "con men" in Chicago area. For many years he worked for the outfit but recently he "conned the wrong people" and a "contract" is out for his murder. [redacted] at the Crossroads Restaurant decided to help him and has recently set him up in a clothing store which is located somewhere on the island of Jamaica. He sometimes flies to the main land in Florida and operates various card games. Recently [redacted] 4



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JIMMY CATUARA has another business office located on 26th Street in Chicago. He does not know the address but it is a tavern and restaurant. During the last election it was used as a polling place for voters. He has heard that if the outfit intends to kill a member it calls such members to the tavern and has them taken into the basement and do not return. [redacted] stated that he has only heard this and has no direct information that it is true.



[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

pulled a gun on JIMMY CATUARA and threatened to shoot him. CATUARA went directly to TONY ACCARDO for permission to have [REDACTED] killed. ACCARDO did not grant permission. The trouble started when CATUARA accused [REDACTED] of highjacking a load of syndicate cigarettes and approached [REDACTED] on this matter. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] He is considered extremely dangerous by all the hoodlums and [REDACTED] stated he feels that [REDACTED] would not hesitate to kill any law enforcement officer that tried to arrest him. [REDACTED] that he thinks he has cancer and that he doesn't expect to live longer and under no circumstances does he intend to spend any of his remaining time in a jail and would much rather be killed than allow police to take him into custody. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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*Memorandum*

TO : SAC

CHICAGO

DATE:

3/3/65

FROM : SA

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Dates of Contact

Titles and File #s on which contacted

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CORRUPTION IN PUBLIC OFFICES - CHICAGO AREA

C-92-500-Sub 14

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108-451 (SA

108-176 (SA

Purpose and results of contact

☐ NEGATIVE☒ POSITIVE

✓ JIMMY CATUARA

92-1371 (SA

(See Attached)

☒ Informant certified that he has  
furnished all information obtained  
by him since last contact.

Rating

Outstanding

Coverage

Good

Personal Data

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**JIMMY CATUARA**  
**Chicago File 92-1371**

On 2/15/65 informant viewed the photograph of [REDACTED] taken by the States Attorney, Cook County, on 5/6/62. Informant recognized the photograph as being the individual who is a good friend of JIMMY CATUARA. He said this photo of [REDACTED] is not a good likeness of [REDACTED] as he is about 30 pounds heavier than when this photo was taken.

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Chicago, Illinois  
January 29, 1965

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**JAMES CATUARA**  
**ANTI-RACKETEERING**

Reference is made to report of Special Agent  
[redacted] dated and captioned as above.

**CHARACTERIZATION OF INFORMANTS**

[redacted]

[redacted] is an individual who is involved  
in numerous car thefts in the Chicago area.

[redacted] is an individual who has considerable  
knowledge regarding certain hoodlums in the suburban Cook  
County area.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office <b>CHICAGO</b>	Office of Origin <b>CHICAGO</b>	Date <b>1/29/65</b>	Investigative Period <b>11/2/64 - 1/22/65</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>JAMES CATUARA, aka</b>		Report made by <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 40px; width: 100%;"></div>	Typed By: <b>MRS</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>AR</b>	

### Synopsis:

**REFERENCES:** Report of SA [redacted] dated 10/27/64  
at Chicago.  
St. Louis letter to Chicago dated 12/22/64.  
Chicago letter to Phoenix dated 12/26/64.

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**ENCLOSURES**

**TO THE BUREAU**

**Two (2) copies of a characterization of informants.**

## LEADS

Leads to other field divisions are being set forth as they are developed.

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AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. Will continue to investigate and report subject's criminal activities.

## ADMINISTRATIVE

It is noted that the investigative period in this report is extensive. This case was maintained in a current status through interoffice communications.

## INFORMANTS

## Identity

[redacted]  
[redacted] (by request)  
[redacted]

**Contacting Agent**

**SA**

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - USA, Chicago

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Report of:

SA [REDACTED]

Office:

Chicago

Date:

1/29/65

Field Office File #:

92-1371

Bureau File #:

92-6931

Title:

JAMES CATUARA

Character:

ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis:

Subject and his wife continue to reside at 10309 South Laramie Avenue, Oak Lawn, Illinois. Frequent spot checks of the residence failed to indicate any illegal or unusual activities being conducted at his residence. Informant states that subject controls the group of hoodlums that are operating an illegal mortgage committment company known as World Wide Mortgage Corporation in Wheeling, Illinois. Recently the operation has been taken over by [REDACTED] who is also controlled by the subject.

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DETAILS:

RESIDENCE

[redacted] Oak Lawn, Illinois Police Department, advised on December 11 and 31, 1964, that continued frequent spot checks of the subject's residence and neighborhood reflect no activity of a suspicious nature at the subject's home. He further advised that the Oak Lawn Police Department had an occasion to conduct a 24 hour surveillance for approximately three days in the immediate vicinity of the subject's residence. He advised that he alerted other officers to maintain a watch of the subject's residence. All officers reported that they saw little or no activity at the subject's home, and the only automobiles which were observed going in and out of the house belonged to the subject or his family. [redacted] stated that in contact with various sources known to him, he has been unable to locate any information that any illegal activities are being carried on at the residence.

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LEGITIMATE ENTERPRISES

[redacted] advised on November 22, 1964, that an unknown individual had agreed to become [redacted] [redacted] which had been set up by the subject. This arrangement was made through [redacted]

[redacted] allegedly represented to this individual that he represented a section of the Chicago Crime Syndicate and that they had \$40,000,000 to invest and wanted this individual to assist them. According to the informant, GUIDO FIDANZI of Chicago Heights, Illinois, telephone SKYline 4-2743, was in on the deal, and he repeated that they had considerable

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money to invest. Informant overheard FIDANZI state, "We have legitimate money from banks and insurance companies to invest in our company." According to the informant, [redacted] and the unknown individual set up an organization called [redacted] in Chicago and that the purpose was to investigate large construction projects in an effort to determine if they could obtain commitments for mortgages in order to allow for the building of these various companies.

Informant stated that one offer was to build a gambling casino in Las Vegas, Nevada, and [redacted] stated [redacted] that this operation was set up by the syndicate and that FIDANZI was a muscleman for the group. Informant stated that they subsequently changed the name to the World Wide Mortgage Company.

Informant further learned that FIDANZI, [redacted] who is another muscleman for JAMES CATAURA, have stated that the money involved in the company was legitimate and that they wanted to make legitimate profits with taxes to be paid on them. Informant advised that he was told that a big meeting was held at [redacted] at which time JAMES CATAURA held a conference [redacted] at which time CATAURA assured everyone in the group that there would

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be no nonsense in the business and that it would be run as a completely legitimate firm. The subject also advised the group that they could leave the business whenever they wanted to. Subsequently, [ ] and FIDANZI got into a serious argument and as a result, [ ] was caught stealing from the company.

Informant indicated that there was some indication that [ ] was to be killed and that as a result, [ ]

[ ] Informant stated that there appears to be two groups of syndicate people involved in this general type operation. One is headed by the subject CATAURA and one is headed by MILWAUKEE PHIL ALDERISIO. Informant stated that ALDERISIO is represented on the Board of Directors of the World Wide Mortgage Company by an individual named [ ] and that ALDERISIO also has a person by the name of [ ] who operates another similar type mortgage fraud company. Informant advised that this group has some type of unknown deal going in Gary, Indiana, where they planned they could possibly make a \$200,000 profit.

On December 14, 1964, [ ] advised that the office of the World Wide Mortgage Corporation is located at 251 East Dundee, Wheeling, Illinois, but that it appears to have ceased operation because of internal strike. Informant stated that the unknown person who

[ ] Informant advised that he subsequently learned that the company was not a legitimate firm in that the subject and his associates were using the officers of the corporation to unscrupulously carry off and force "phony deals." He advised that the operations have apparently been integrated into the First National Mortgage Company, 645 North Michigan, Chicago, Illinois, and that this firm is the one operated by ALDERISIO.

On January 13, 1965, [ ] advised that CATAURA, [ ] and FIDANZI now have the same



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type of office operating from [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised on January 12, 1966,  
that subject appears to be a big name in South Cook  
County organized crime. According to the informant.  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The subject apparently gets a percentage  
of all of the money that he made out of the stolen cars.  
Informant advised that [REDACTED] is also involved in  
this type operation and is one of the subject's people.  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Informant stated that the subject still has  
strong connections with practically all of the police  
departments in South Cook County. The most recent action  
is where CATUARA has "muscle" [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

On January 12, 1965, [REDACTED] advised that apparently the subject has re-opened the World Wide Mortgage Corporation at telephone 537-9220. He has decided that [REDACTED] and that FIDANZI and [REDACTED] are to take orders from [REDACTED]. This agreement was reached at a meeting which was held during the Christmas weekend at the O'Hare Inn near O'Hare International Airport. In addition to CATUARA and his associates, there was also an unknown group of people who supposedly are from the Bahama Islands. Informant advised that he does not know what has happened to the individual that they brought in originally to run the corporation but understood that FIDANZI had threatened him on several occasions.

[REDACTED] advised that he had recently heard that the subject was involved in some type of legitimate business in the Los Angeles area and that his purpose was in order for him to retire from the syndicate at some future date and live in California. By communication dated November 30, 1964, the Los Angeles Office advised that the records of the Retail Insurance Credit Association contain no record for the subject and that contact with logical sources in the area failed to produce any information indicating that the subject is involved in the area.

Informant further advised that it appears that CATUARA is gaining more control of organized crime in South Cook County and that the former leader FRANK LA PORTE continues to be held in correct respect but that he is relinquishing control in order that he may retire to some unknown area.



In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
Chicago, Illinois  
January 29, 1966

Title **JALDO CATUARA**

Character **ANTI-RACKETEERING**

Reference **report of Special Agent [redacted]  
[redacted] dated and captioned  
as above.**

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All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

- 3 - Bureau (92-6931) (Enc. 2)
- 1 - USA, Chicago
- ② - Chicago (92-1371)

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SAC, CHICAGO (92-1371)

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JAMES "THE BOMBER" CATUARA  
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A source of the Chicago Office advised that [redacted]  
[redacted] Indiana,  
is a close associate of the subject and various other  
Chicago hoodlums. [redacted]  
[redacted]

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It is requested to determine under suitable  
pretext if [redacted]  
[redacted] If located, will attempt to determine serial number  
and discover if machine was stolen in violation of ITSMV.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC

CHICAGO

DATE:

3/29/65

FROM : SA

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SUBJECT:

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Dates of Contact

3/8/65

Titles and File #s on which contacted

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166-405 (SA [Redacted])

FRANK LA PORTE

92-920 (SA [Redacted])

✓ JAMES CATURA; AR

92-1371 (SA [Redacted])

GAMBLING 501 N. CLARK, CHICAGO

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Purpose and results of contact

☐ NEGATIVE

☒ POSITIVE

See attached.

Informant will not testify to information  
furnished.

☒ Informant certified that he has  
furnished all information obtained  
by him since last contact.

Rating

Excellent

Coverage

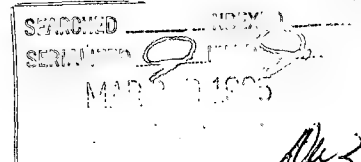
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[REDACTED]

The only "big" barbout game in the area is being played at the Calumet Billiards, 621 Washington Street, Gary, Indiana. With the exception of Sunday and Monday, it operates daily, usually on a 24 hour basis. [REDACTED] (LNU)

[REDACTED]

The Ramblers at 501 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois, still operates a fairly good sized ziggenetti game. The game is restricted to Sunday afternoons. No other type of action is played on the premises. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] the Club Palace in Calumet City, Illinois. He is not familiar with current activities but knows that in past years the club was used as headquarters for JIMMY "THE BOMBER" CATURA. The place has two back rooms, one of which is utilized as a small kitchen and the other is used as a meeting place and storage for various stolen merchandise. He advised he will attempt to determine if it is still being used for these various illegal activities.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE <b>CHICAGO</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>CHICAGO</b>	DATE <b>4/27/65</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>2/1 - 4/15/65</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>JAMES CATUARA, aka</b>		REPORT MADE BY <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 150px;"></div>	TYPED BY <b>elo</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>ANTI-RACKETEERING</b>	

REFERENCE: Report of SA  dated 1/29/65,  
at Chicago.

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ENCLOSURES

TO BUREAU

Two (2) copies of a characterization of informants.

LEADS

Leads to other field divisions are being set forth  
as they are developed.

CHICAGO

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. Will continue to investigate  
and report subject's criminal activities.

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It is noted that the investigative period in this report is excessive and this case was maintained in current status through interoffice communications.

INFORMANTS

[redacted] (protect identity),  
contacted on 2/19/65, by SA [redacted]

SA [redacted] [redacted] contacted on 3/2/65, by

SA [redacted] [redacted] contacted by

[redacted]  
[redacted] contacted on  
4/9/65, by SA [redacted]

[redacted] contacted on 1/23/65, by  
SA [redacted]



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - UNA, Chicago

Report of: SA [REDACTED]

Office: Chicago

Date: 4/27/65

Field Office File #: 92-1371

Bureau File #: 92-6931

Title: JAMES CATUANA

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis: [REDACTED]

Drivers License Division, Secretary of State's Office, 9901 South Park Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. He does not have access to any files that could result in fraudulent registration of stolen automobiles. Subject associated with Chicago top hoodlum FELIX ALDERISIO in an unknown coffee dispensing company in Chicago. Subject previously "held court" at the Club Palace in Calumet City. Subject appears to be associated with St. Louis, Missouri contractor [REDACTED]. Informants advised that subject previously involved in fencing of stolen property and is active in south suburban "juice operations".

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DETAILS:

RESIDENCE

[redacted] (NA) Oak Lawn, Illinois Police Department, advised on April 9, 1965, that officers of his department continue to make regular spot checks at the subject's house, 10309 South Laramie, Oak Lawn, Illinois. No unusual activity has been observed and subject continues to cause no trouble to his department. [redacted]

[redacted] His officers have stated that [redacted]

[redacted] in that he leaves his residence at approximately 8 AM and returns at 5 PM.

RELATIVES

[redacted] Investigations Division, Cook County Sheriff's Office, Bedford Park, Illinois, advised that [redacted]

[redacted] does not have access to any title blanks or other files in which he could assist in the fraudulent registering of stolen automobiles. He apparently obtained this position through political patronage, but the source of this patronage is unknown to [redacted]

[redacted] stated it is quite common for the hoodlum element to attempt to obtain sources in the Secretary of State's Office who will supply them with blank titles and other paraphernalia that will assist various hoodlums in falsely registering stolen automobiles. He stated that he will continue to follow [redacted] action and make sure, if possible, that he remains in his present non-sensitive position.

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ASSOCIATES

FELIX "MILWAUKEE PHIL" ALDERISIO  
505 Berkley  
Riverside, Illinois

[ ] advised that JIMMY CATUARA and ALDERISIO presently own a coffee dispensing machine company in Chicago, Illinois. He does not know the name or location of the company but is positive that all of their delivery trucks are maroon and white in color and that they supply coffee products to numerous industrial plants in the Cook County, Illinois area.

[ ] previously advised that the subject and other Chicago hoodlums traveled to St. Louis, Missouri approximately August 20, 1964, in respect to a multi-million dollar insurance mortgage fraud scheme. The travel was supposed to be made by a Comanche 180. This aircraft is owned by Chicago hoodlums but is licensed under a "front name" who is unknown to the informant.

[ ] advised in December, 1964, regarding the same fraud, that the subject and ALDERISIO made the trip. They were in contact with [ ] who informant described as a "big man in the construction business". This individual was also involved in the tax scandal.

By communication dated February 3, 1965, the St. Louis Office advised that [ ]

[ ]

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[redacted]  
involved in the Labor Discount Center, Inc., a \$5 million shopping center located at 1755 Dunn Road, St. Louis County, Missouri. This shopping center was originally to be opened only on a membership basis, with memberships being sold to members of labor unions for \$2. Salesmen for this project were [redacted]

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[redacted] advised that CATUAA and several other hoodlums buy their automobiles from Mike Peterson Oldmobile Agency in Crown Point, Indiana. [redacted]

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of CATUARA and is a "crooked operator". Informant cited as an example an occasion several years ago when [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Informant stated that he does not believe that [REDACTED] handles stolen automobiles because he is afraid that the Indiana State Police check him too closely.

[REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] is a good friend and subordinate of CATUARA's. Source stated that the most often used meeting place for the outfit in South Cook County is at the Club Palace located just south of State Street on Torrence Avenue in Calumet City, Illinois. Several evenings a month CATUARA and [REDACTED] hold court" in the back room of the club. There is a small kitchen and TV set in the room and it is often frequented by [REDACTED] and the subject's hoodlum friends. Informant advised that he has been in the room when robberies and burglaries were being planned by the above group. The club is open practically 24 hours a day in that PALARMO or one of his associates frequently sleep in the room. He also has a 70 year old man who does a lot of cooking for individuals utilizing the club as a "hangout".

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] and CATUARA presently own part of a trucking company that is located on Sibley Boulevard next to an automobile junkyard. It is near Calumet City, Illinois. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Approximately four years ago [REDACTED] pulled a gun on CATUARA and threatened to shoot him. CATUARA went directly to TONY ACARDO for permission to have [REDACTED] killed. According to the informant ACARDO refused because of [REDACTED] previous assistance to AL CAPONE during the Prohibition years. The trouble between CATUARA and [REDACTED] started when CATUARA [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] He is considered extremely dangerous by all the hoodlums and informant feels that he would not hesitate to kill any law enforcement officers that tried to arrest him. He has indicated that he thinks he is suffering from cancer and that he does not expect to live very long. Because of this he states that under no circumstances does he intend to spend any of his remaining time in jail and would much rather be killed than allow police to take him into custody. Various other hoodlums who dislike [REDACTED] give him "a wide berth" for the same reason.

LEGITIMATE ENTERPRISES

[ ] advised that the subject is part owner of the Crest Ford Agency located near 73th and Stony Island Avenue in Chicago, Illinois. He is also part owner of Silvanio's Furniture Company located on the north side of Chicago, [ ] Illinois, previously handled some of CATUARA's legitimate fronts. Recently CATUARA has "thrown [ ] out" and refuses to have anything to do with him.

CATUARA has another business office located on 26th Street in Chicago, Illinois. The informant does not know the exact address but is sure that it is a tavern and restaurant. During the last election it was used as a polling place for voters. In addition to being a so called legitimate front he has heard from his associates that if CATUARA's outfit intends to kill a member he calls them to the tavern and has them taken into the basement from which they do not return. Informant stated that he has only heard this story and has no direct information that it is true but knows that the mere mention of it scares numerous robbers and burglars in the area.

ILLEGAL ACTIVITY

[ ] advised on April 9, 1965, that he has in the past associated with numerous strong-arm robbers in South Cook County, Illinois. Before he could conduct any type of robbery the leader of whatever particular gang he was working with felt obliged to check with [ ] to find out if it was alright to go on the robbery. It was understood that these two would

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in turn clear with the subject. Informant stated that the proceeds of the robbery would not have to be divided up with [redacted] but that if any robbers of the gang were arrested [redacted] would always put up the bond and charged excessive prices.

[redacted] advised that he has known CATUARA for approximately [redacted] CATUARA was handling stolen merchandise and was known as the "bomber". He handled shoes, slacks, and other type of clothing which he obtained from young boys who would go out and steal one or two items at a time and bring them in to CATUARA. He recalls one occasion that CATUARA tried to sell some stolen cigarettes which had no stamps on the packages. Later in conversations with [redacted] [redacted] that he was "the head man" over horsebook operations extending all the way from Calumet City, Illinois, to City Hall in Chicago. CATUARA talked as if he were the "top man" in this operation. During the day time CATUARA hangs around the 31st Street and Princeton area playing cards and shooting pool with his friends and associates. This poolroom is located on the north side of 31st Street about two doors west of Princeton. The building has a regular front and anyone can walk in off the street. [redacted]

In July, 1962, informant observed CATUARA and six of his associates leave for Arizona to attend a "big meeting". The seven men went in four cars. Another individual, not known to this source, rode with CATUARA in his 1962 red over white Oldsmobile. Informant does not know where in Arizona this meeting was held but learned that the temperature was over 100 degrees at their location. When



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CATUARA returned from Arizona he immediately picked up his family and drove to Disneyland in California. Prior to his departure for Disneyland, CATUARA stated [redacted] that he "wanted to enjoy some of that money". CATUARA did not go into detail concerning this money.

Five of the individuals who went to Arizona with CATUARA are unknown, but he stated that he felt he could recognize their photographs. He feels that one of the individuals came from the north side of Chicago.

The Phoenix Office advised that they were unable to locate any information concerning an alleged crime syndicate meeting held in 1962 in Phoenix. In addition no information was located regarding the subject.

Two of CATUARA's closest associates are [redacted]

Source stated that the 31st Street area store front is a hangout for thieves and narcotics peddlers and they control the area. [redacted]

[redacted] once parked his car in a bus zone in the area and CATUARA prevented a Chicago policeman from ticketing the car. Source advised that the subject has a "lot of voice" in the outfit and is a dangerous person to cross. He has heard that the subject used to kill people by putting poison in their drink. He knows that the subject is a friend of [redacted]

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Informant stated that the subject still retains many of his penitentiary habits. He rises very early in the morning, bathes every night, and takes a 2 PM nap. He starts at 7 AM everyday and is finished by noon with any business that he intends to handle.

[REDACTED] advised that the subject has been attending all of the "home games" of the Chicago Blackhawks hockey team. At a recent Chicago game with the New York Rangers in the city, the subject was observed in conversation with [REDACTED]. The source was unable to determine the nature of this conversation. He stated that

[REDACTED]



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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Chicago, Illinois  
April 27, 1964

Title

JAMES CATHER

Character

ANTI-RACISM

Reference

Report of Special Agent  
[redacted] dated  
and captioned above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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**JAMES CATUARA**  
**ANTI-RACKETEERING**

Reference is made to report of Special Agent  
[redacted] dated and captioned above.

**CHARACTERIZATION OF INFORMANTS**

[redacted] is an admitted burglar in the south suburban area of Cook County, Illinois.

[redacted] is an individual who has considerable knowledge of hoodlum activity on Chicago's south side.

[redacted] is an individual who has knowledge of various legitimate enterprises controlled by hoodlums.

[redacted] is an individual who has considerable knowledge of organized crime in St. Louis, Missouri.

[redacted] is an individual who associates with various hoodlums in Chicago Heights, Illinois.

[redacted] is an individual who has a wide acquaintance among gamblers in the Chicago area.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, 92-1371

DATE: 2/15/65

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: JAMES " THE BOMBER" CATUARA  
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[REDACTED] (NA) Oak Lawn Ill. P.D. advised on  
2/5/65 that [REDACTED]

JAMES CATUARA is a close associate ~~with~~ of [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] in the past is alleged  
to be one of the largest operators in stolen autos in the  
Chicago area. He previously had an arrangement with some  
unknown person in the Sect. of States office that would  
provide him with counterfit Ill. titles so he could register  
the stolen autos.

JAMES CATUARA is an ex-convict who is alleged to  
control a large section of the gambling & "juice" operations  
in Chicago and the south suburbs.

LEAD AT CHICAGO  
Will contact [REDACTED] former SA) Ill. State Police  
and advise him of the above facts.

*noted*  
*telephonically*  
*advised*  
*2/22/65*  
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*[Signature]*

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5/12/65

SA [REDACTED]

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On 4/29/65, [REDACTED] Intelligence Unit, Vice Control Division, Chicago Police Department, advised SA [REDACTED] that he had learned that during the recent mayoralty campaign in Berwyn, that [REDACTED] or someone connected with him had donated \$15,000 to the campaign fund of the winning candidate. [REDACTED] stated that as a result of the contribution the Moulder Trash Disposal Company, [REDACTED] was getting the garbage pick up contract in Berwyn.

[REDACTED] further advised that he had learned from one "reliable" East Chicago, Indiana Police Department source that JIMMY CATUARA (CG 92-1371) has been expanding his activities into Indiana and has been making frequent trips to Dyer, Indiana.

[REDACTED] stated that should he learn any additional information concerning either [REDACTED] or CATUARA, he would advise this office.

With regard to [REDACTED] stated that he had been observed by members of the Intelligence Unit within the past two weeks entering the S & S Social Club, which is situated in the 700 block of South Racine, almost directly across the street from the gasoline station situated at South Racine and West Vernon Parkway. [REDACTED]

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TO : SAC, CHICAGO [REDACTED]

DATE: 6/4/65

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

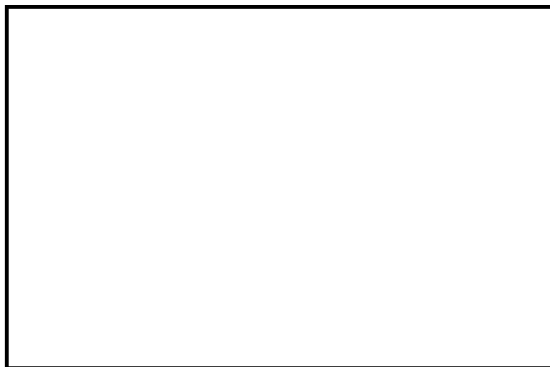
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[REDACTED]	92-1542
La Cosa Nostra	92-1173
[REDACTED]	92-347
ANTHONY J. ACCARDO	92-344
SAM GIANCANA	92-349
SAM BATTAGLIA	92-914
Juice Rackets	92-1278
[REDACTED]	92-924
FELIX ALDERISIO	92-415
FRANK FERRARO	92-565
Bombing Matters	174-0
[REDACTED]	92-1520
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FRANK CARUSO

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RALPH PIERCE

FRANK LA PORTE



Criminal Influence in the Illinois  
General Assembly

JAMES CATURA



JOSEPH AIUPPA

Criminal Influence in Law Enforcement  
Agencies other than Chicago PD

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Criminal Influence in Local and  
Federal Judiciary



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Concerning the juice rackets in the Chicago area, informant stated that the juice racket in the Chicago area is one of the most lucrative for members of organized crime and is so large that it now has a clearinghouse for which there is a telephone number. He stated that when juice is furnished to an individual, his name is first run through the clearinghouse so that the lender can be sure that this individual is not on juice to some other individual in the Chicago area and has not paid his debt.

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[REDACTED]

SAM "TEETS" BATTAGLIA operates an independent juice racket and his top lieutenant [REDACTED]

In the Loop area and south of the Loop, GUS ALEX controls the juice racket and one of his lieutenants is JIMMY THE CAT who is about 60 years old. He stated that JIMMY THE CAT formerly operated the Lorraine Hotel located at Wabash Avenue and Lorraine. Informant stated that GUS ALEX controls the area of 31st and Normal, and although FRANK "SKID" CARUSO and JAMES "THE BOMBER" CATUARA operate in the juice racket, they are under the control of GUS ALEX.

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[REDACTED]

Informant stated that [REDACTED] has always been an extremely close friend of SAM GIANCANA inasmuch as they were pals as boys and burglarized drug stores together. He indicated that both [REDACTED] GIANCANA grew in power together.

Informant stated that [REDACTED] Mars Oldsmobile Agency. He also advised that the Mars Oldsmobile Agency for some unknown reason to him has great influence with the Harris Trust Bank in the Loop area.

Informant stated that FELIX "MILWAUKEE PHIL" ALDERISIO has a big piece of Nortown Oldsmobile located at 6501 North Western Avenue, Chicago.

In the juice rackets, he stated that RALPH PIERCE is associated with FRANK LA PORTE for the far south side of Chicago including the Calumet City area and is located with LA PORTE in gambling, slot machines, etc., in those areas.

Informant stated that [REDACTED] cover the Lawndale district and as far north as Devon Avenue in the juice rackets. He stated that some years ago one [REDACTED] was formerly associated with [REDACTED] in gambling and juice rackets, but has moved to the State of California where he now owns several liquor stores. Informant stated that one [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, Chicago (92-1371)

DATE: 6/4/65

FROM : SAC, Indianapolis (92-618) (RUC)

*C. H.*  
SUBJECT: JAMES "THE BOMBER" CATUARA  
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Re CG let to IP, 3/25/65.

Sources were contacted familiar with the Cedar Lake area and physical surveillance of Peterson's Oldsmobile Agency, Cedar Lake, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Lake County Sheriff's Office, Crown Point, Indiana, was furnished information indicating that possibly [REDACTED]

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TO : SAC

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DATE:

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FROM : SA

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SUBJECT:

## Dates of Contact

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## Titles and File #s on which contacted

FRANK "SKID" CARUSO, AR

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James Catuana

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## Purpose and results of contact

☐ NEGATIVE☒ POSITIVE☒ Informant certified that he has  
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[REDACTED]

Informant mentioned that JIMMY CATAURA frequents "SKID's" location on Cermak and that he usually parks his car on Archer Avenue, which is only a short distance away, and walks to "SKID's". He said that on 5/28/65 he observed CATAURA entering CARUSO's place at around 12:30 PM.

He advised that [REDACTED] occasionally drops in his place of business but at the present time, he knows of no illegal activity in which [REDACTED] might be involved. He said that if anything, it is probably in the narcotics field where he has been active for some time. [REDACTED]

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SA [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

[REDACTED] was interviewed on June 9, 1965. [REDACTED] advised that hoodlums on the South Side of Chicago, [REDACTED] have again discovered a way to commit gross thefts from telephone coin boxes in the area. They are using a piece of equipment known as the "Power Pac", which is a pneumatic type hammer which punches the lock with very little effort and the hoodlums then tape over the lock hole and keep returning to the phone box to remove whatever coins are available.

[REDACTED] was bragging that he was able to do this because he has had prior experience as a bail bondsman, and that several judges and policemen owed him this type of favor.

[REDACTED] recently had some trouble with the syndicate in that they wanted to take over the operation of the company. Through his own source in the outfit he was able to dissuade them and he again has complete say so in the operation of the company. [REDACTED] after many conversations, ~~advised that~~ [REDACTED] is convinced that he is not a member of the Chicago outfit but that they have a "lot of respect" for him because of his assistance during the Prohibition Era in Chicago. [REDACTED]

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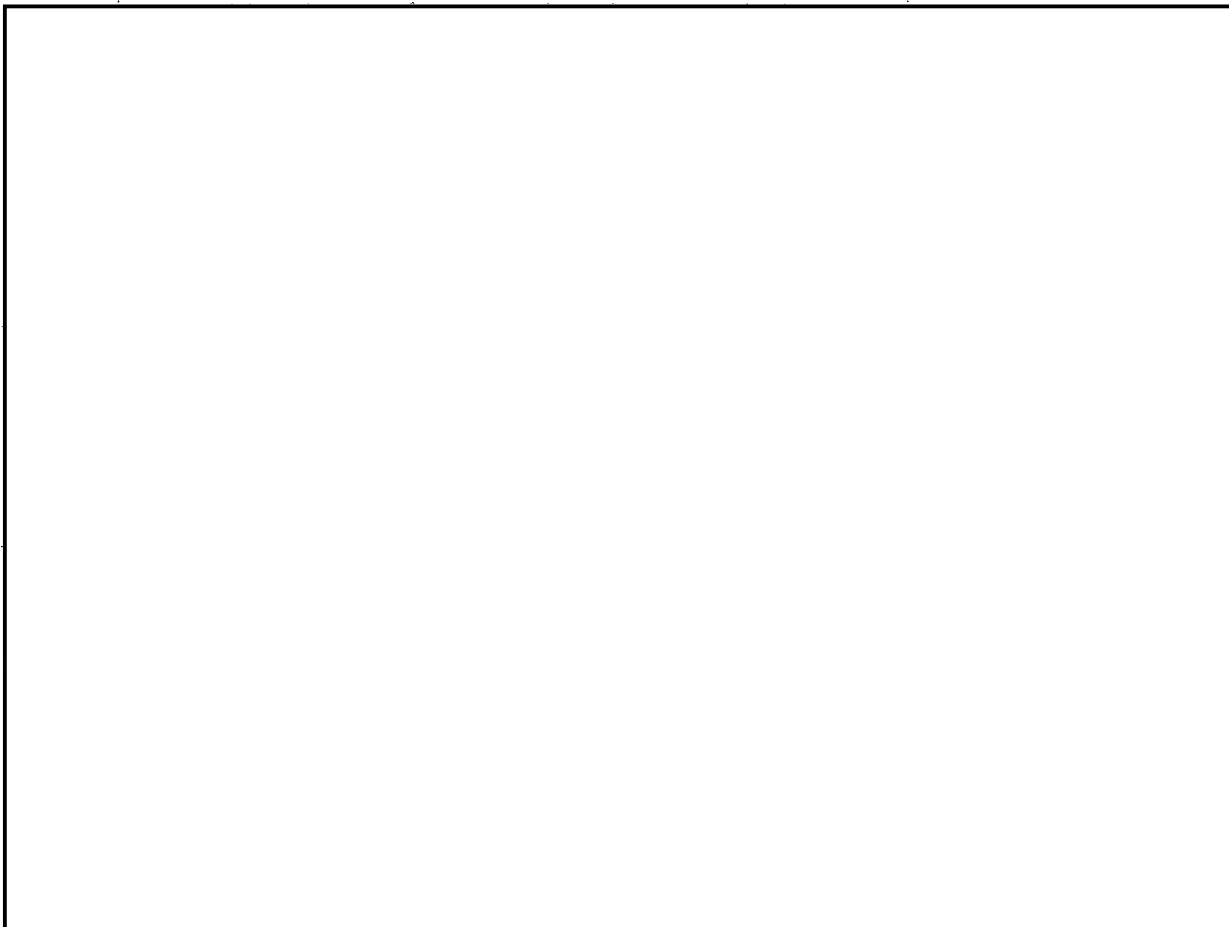
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was at the Club Palace in Calumet City, Illinois, and that  
this continues to be the headquarters for JIMMY CATURA.



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suitable paraphrasing.



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TO : SAC, SPRINGFIELD

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (92-1371)

SUBJECT: JAMES "THE BOMBER" CATUARA  
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The subject is an ex-convict who is alleged to control "juice operations" in southern Cook County, Illinois.



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## Memorandum

TO : SAC Chicago [REDACTED]

DATE: 7/28/65

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FROM : SA SA [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

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Dates of Contact		
7/13/65; 7/26, 27/65		
Titles and File #s on which contacted		
JAMES CATURRA	AR	(92-1371) SA
[REDACTED]	IGA	(162-349) SA
UNSUB: ALLEGED LOANS ON FICTITIOUS AUTOS FIRST NATL. BK. OF BLUE ISLAND, ILL.		(29-2411) SA
Purpose and results of contact		
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[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

CI advised 7/27/65 that there has been a change in the control of the City Council of Blue Island and Jimmy Catuara is believed responsible. He advised that three unknown Italian males attend every city council meeting recently and if a decision is to be made by the council regarding a liquor license etc., the council members always look toward the three unknown Italians for approval or rejection. He advised he would attempt to obtain the identity of these three individuals. He advised that it is now obvious that [redacted] no longer controls the City Council as before.

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TITLE OF CASE <b>JAMES CATUARA, aka.</b>		REPORT MADE BY [Redacted]	TYPED BY <b>bal</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>AR</b>	

REFERENCE: Report of SA [Redacted] dated 4/27/65,  
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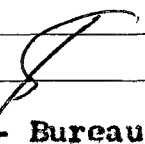
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LEADS

To all other field divisions are being set forth  
as they are developed.

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AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. Will continue to investigate  
and report subject's criminal activities.

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It is noted that the investigative period in this report is extensive. This case has been maintained in a current status through interoffice communications.

INFORMANTS

<u>Source</u>	<u>Contacted By</u>	<u>Dates of Contact</u>
	SA [redacted]	May 4 and 20, 1965
	SA [redacted]	June 9, 1965
	SA [redacted]	July 23, 1965
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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Copy to: 1 - USA, Chicago

Report of: SA [REDACTED]

Office: CHICAGO

Date: 7/30/65

Field Office File #: 92-1371

Bureau File #: 92-6931

Title: JAMES CATUARA

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

## Synopsis:

Subject continues to reside at 10309 South Laramie, Oak Lawn, Illinois. He has been in contact with Chicago hoodlum "Milwaukee" PHIL ALDENISIO. Informant states that subject appears to be expanding his activities in Indiana, and makes frequent trips to Dyer, Indiana. Information regarding subject's current involvement in Chicago gambling activities set forth.

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**DETAILS:**

Residence

[redacted] (NA), Oak Lawn, Illinois Police Department, advised on July 14, 1965, that he and other officers of the police department continue to make frequent spot checks on the subject's residence at 10309 Laramie Avenue. He advised that he has no pertinent information to report, and that no suspicious or unusual activities have been noted at this address or at [redacted]

Activities

[redacted] advised that the subject, according to recent information, is a close associate of [redacted]

According to [redacted]

[redacted] source had indicated to him that CATAURA, an ex-convict, has considerable control of gambling and "juice" operations in the South Side of Chicago.

On April 29, 1965, [redacted] Chicago Police Department, advised that he had learned from one "reliable" East Chicago, Indiana source of the police department that JIMMY CATAURA has been expanding his activities into the State of Indiana, and had been making frequent trips to Dyer, Indiana.

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[redacted] was unable to advise the nature or the reason that CATAURA was believed to be in Indiana. [redacted] advised on May 20, 1965, that he is acquainted with the subject. He stated that in the Chicago Loop area and south of the Loop, GUS ALEX controls the "juice" racket, and that one of his lieutenants is JIMMY the Cat who is about 60 years old. The informant stated that FRANK "Skid" CARUSO and JAMES CATAURA operate in the juice racket in the area of 31st and Normal, Chicago, Illinois, but they are controlled by GUS ALEX.

The Indianapolis office advised on June 4, 1965, that sources were contacted that were familiar with the Cedar Lake, Indiana, area, and a physical observation of Peterson's Oldsmobile Agency [redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted] advised on May 4, 1965, that JIMMY CATAURA is frequently observed at Skid CARUSO's place on Cermak Road in Chicago, and that he usually parks his car on Archer Avenue, which is only a short distance away, and then walks to Skid's place. Informant stated that [redacted] is also an associate of CATAURA and that [redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted] advised on June 9, 1965, that south side hoodlums who he had previously stated were associated with the subject have again discovered a way to commit gross thefts from telephone coin boxes in the area. They are using a piece of equipment known as the "power pac" which is a pneumatic type hammer that punches the lock on the coin box with very little effort.



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The hoodlums remove the coins, and then tape over the lock and keep returning to the phone box to remove whatever coins are available. Informant stated that [redacted]

[redacted] and learned that the location continues to be one of the headquarters for the subject.

[redacted] advised on July 23, 1965, that a new political regime had been elected in Blue Island, Illinois. Presently at every council meeting there are three unknown "hood looking" Italians present during the city council meeting appearing as part of a public audience. Informant stated that on matters dealing with liquor license, and other village interests, it is obvious that [redacted] looks for approval or disapproval from the above club before stating his own opinion or any such matter that is before the council. Informant stated that he is positive that with [redacted] no longer controls city politics and it is possible that [redacted] is associated in some way with JIMMY CATAURA. Informant pointed out that he has no specific information upon which to base this belief, and that is only conjectured on his part. Informant further advised that he had heard from his sources that the subject has been in contact with "Milwaukee PHIL" ALDERISIO, and it is possible that the subject is under the control of ALDERISIO rather than GUS ALEX or that both of these hoodlums have some say so in CATAURA's activities

[redacted]

[redacted] furnished information that JIMMY CATAURA is one of Chicago's south side gambling bosses, and that CATAURA for many years has been present at most of the weddings and wakes of various well known hoodlums in the Chicago area.

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Informant advised that from information furnished by the Cook County Sheriff's Office to him, they felt that JIMMY CATAURA had been an original partner in the Ace Printing Company, Blue Island, Illinois, and that CATAURA makes most of the decisions and that an individual named [REDACTED] Illinois, carries out the decisions made by CATAURA. According to the informatn, the Sheriff's Office feels that CATAURA occupies the same relative position in the Chicago Heights area as [REDACTED] does in Blue Island, Illinois. SAM GUZZINO in Calumet City, and [REDACTED] Informant also stated that [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and that is the general area where the subject was born and raised. Informant did not indicate whether [REDACTED]



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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
Chicago, Illinois  
July 30, 1965

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Title            **JAMES CATUARA**

Character       **ANTI-RACKETEERING**

Reference       **is made to report of Special Agent**  
                  **[redacted] cited and**  
                  **captioned as above.**

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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1 - USA, Chicago  
② - Chicago  
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(6) *[signature]*

Chicago, Illinois  
July 30, 1965

**JAMES CATUARA**  
**ANTI-RACKETEERING**

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Reference is made to report of Special Agent  
[redacted] dated and captioned as above.

**CHARACTERIZATION OF INFORMANTS**

[redacted] is an individual who is familiar with  
some of the gambling activities on the South Side of Chicago.

[redacted] is an individual associated with  
criminal activities in south suburban Cook County.

[redacted]  
[redacted] is an individual who has knowledge of  
certain gambling activities in Chicago.

[redacted] is an investigative agency in Chicago.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

*Memorandum*

TO : SAC CHICAGO

DATE: 8/2/65

FROM : SA

☒ CI☐ SI☐ PCI☐ PSI

SUBJECT:

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## Dates of Contact

7/27/65

## Titles and File #s on which contacted

JAMES CATUARA; AR

92-1371

## Purpose and results of contact

☐ NEGATIVE☒ POSITIVE

See attached

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b7D☒ Informant certified that he has  
furnished all information obtained  
by him since last contact.

Rating

Very Good

Coverage

Same

Personal Data

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① - 92-1371  
Fickler Clerk

TWP:mac

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CG 137-4600

Informant advised that Catuara frequently travels to Las Vegas and Arizona. It is the informant's opinion that these trips concern both business and his general health. Informant has heard that Catuara suffers from a mild case of asthma but that he also has unknown business interests in the Las Vegas area. When Catuara is in Vegas he always registers under a fraudulent name.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC

CHICAGO

DATE:

7/30/65

FROM : SA

SUBJECT:

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## Dates of Contact

7/21/65

## Titles and File #s on which contacted

165-1062

165-1143

92-1523

165-462

92-1373

92-1371 ✓

## Purpose and results of contact

☐ NEGATIVE☒ POSITIVEBOOKMAKING AT DINER, 38th & KEDZIE  
SAM ENGLISH  
CIP  
MURRAY HILLIARD

165-1255 (GALOVICH)

92-887

92-466

92-348

92-374

92-1684

92-1278

162-535

92-350 Sub 14

165-742 (VILLEMURE)

new (PC)

165-1257

POLICE &amp; POLITICAL CORRUPTION

☒ Informant certified that he has  
furnished all information obtained  
by him since last contact.

Rating

Excellent

Coverage

92, 165, 162

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1 - 165-1143  
1 - 92-1528  
1 - 165-462  
1 - 92-1373  
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1 - 165-1255  
1 - 92-887  
1 - 92-466  
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1 - 92-1278  
1 - 162-535  
1 - 92-350 Sub 14  
1 - 165-742 (VILLEMURE)  
1 -  new (PC)  
1 -  Fickler Clerk

PBF:mac

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CG Files

165-1062  
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165-1255  
92-887

On July 21, 1965, source advised [redacted] drives a 1964 Pontiac Grand Prix black over white. License number is [redacted] It is generally parked in a lot at 42nd and Kedzie in front of Scala's.

Source also advised that instructions have been issued to all bookmakers that they are to be off the street by 1:00 PM each day. The reason for this order is that the Organized Crime Division of the Chicago Police Department generally leaves their office at approximately 11:30 AM.

Source informed that [redacted]

[redacted]  
[redacted] Source does not know as yet the location of the main office.

According to source [redacted] has been frequenting the Parkside Lounge which is just west of Mansfield on the north side of Madison. He has been there almost every night between the hours of 10:30 to 11:00 PM. Associating with [redacted] at the Parkside Lounge is an individual known to the informant as [redacted]

CG [redacted]

CG File

92-466  
[redacted]

On July 21, 1965, source advised that he had learned that [redacted] is moving to Las Vegas around the first of August. He allegedly is all through in Chicago. Informant stated he learned this from [redacted]. Source understands [redacted] is leaving Chicago on a permanent basis but does not know the reason for his leaving. He also understands he has left his wife.  
[redacted]

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CG [REDACTED]

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CG File Numbers.

92-348

92-374

92-1684

According to source Andy's Tavern located at 23rd and Kedzie on the west side of the street is [REDACTED]

According to source this area is HUMPHREY's district and that he had received this information from [REDACTED] himself. He stated [REDACTED] who used to book for [REDACTED] approximately two years ago.

CG [REDACTED]

CG File  
92-1278

According to source the CTA car barns located at North Avenue and Cicero has a large man named [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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CG file  
162-535

According to source Howell's Restaurant located at Madison and Cicero is a congregating spot for Chicago bookmakers. Source stated he has seen [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] (PH) along with many others frequenting this restaurant. They generally meet at this place between midnight and 3:00 AM.

CG [REDACTED]

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CG files

92-350 Sub 14

92-1528

165-742

Source advised he had learned that a police officer named [REDACTED] is very close to [REDACTED]. Source remarked that last Friday and Saturday evenings, July 16 and 17, 1965, [REDACTED] the annual feast in Melrose Park. [REDACTED] Source believes that because of this association [REDACTED] is an outfit contact at [REDACTED]

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[Redacted]

[Redacted]

On July 26, 1965, source advised he has learned  
the home phone number of

[Redacted]

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Date November 30, 1964

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On November 24, 1964, [redacted]  
 3452 Chapel Drive, Toledo, Ohio, appeared at the Chicago  
 Office of the FBI and furnished the following information  
 which he requested be maintained on a confidential  
 basis. It is to be noted the following set forth is  
 information furnished by [redacted] verbatim. It is to be further  
 noted that [redacted] in furnishing this account appeared  
 to ramble on aimlessly; however, he was attempting to  
 furnish information as to the facts as they happened.

[Large redacted area]

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b7DOn 11/24/64 at Chicago, Illinoisby SAs [redacted]  
[redacted] ujmSEARCHED 137-5316  
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

*Memorandum*

TO : SAC ,CHICAGO [REDACTED]

DATE: 8/10/65

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

☐ CI ☐ SI☐ PCI ☐ PSI

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

## Dates of Contact

8/4/65

## Titles and File #s on which contacted

TONY ACCARDO

92-344

92-1045

SAM GIANCANA

92-349

165-1062

92-1373

92-1160

## Purpose and results of contact

☐ NEGATIVE☒ POSITIVE

165-1143

165-new

JIMMY CATURA

92-1371

SAM "BUTCH" ENGLISH

92-887

(PC)

92-1528

BOOKMAKING AT MONTFIELD HOTEL

165-1276

165-1257

15-new

See attachments.

☒ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

Rating

Excellent

Coverage

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CG 92-1373  
CG 92-1160  
CG 165-1143  
CG 165-new  
CG 92-1371

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On August 4, 1965, informant advised he had learned that the brother-in-law of SAM GIANCANA, an individual named TONY COMBO (phonetic), age about 63, is a boss of some sort in connection with the bookie operation [redacted]. He explained that on the first of each month between 10:00 and 10:30 a.m., TONY COMBO goes to Scala's, 42nd and Kedzie or to Blondie's Lounge, 4250 South Kedzie, and picks up an envelope [redacted].

[redacted] Informant describes COMBO as age 63, 5'2" - 3". He also stated COMBO is a bookmaker at the track and does business only with large betters.

Informant further advised that [redacted] drives a 1964 Cadillac convertible, blue with a black top, bearing 1965 Illinois license [redacted].

Informant further advised he had learned that one [redacted] is a top runner and worker for JIMMY CATURA. Informant further remarked that [redacted] currently has 27 stops where bets are taken and where betting slips must be picked up each day. He said it is planned that this will be split into two parts, and informant believed that [redacted].

[redacted] Informant stated he did not know the location or number of this layoff center but heard that it has not been bothered for two years and is considered absolutely safe.

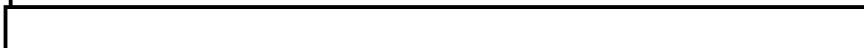
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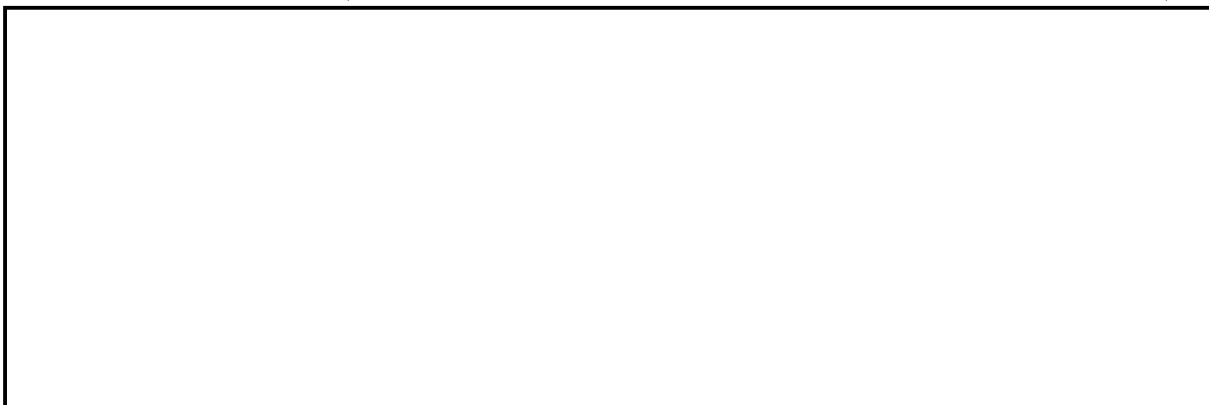


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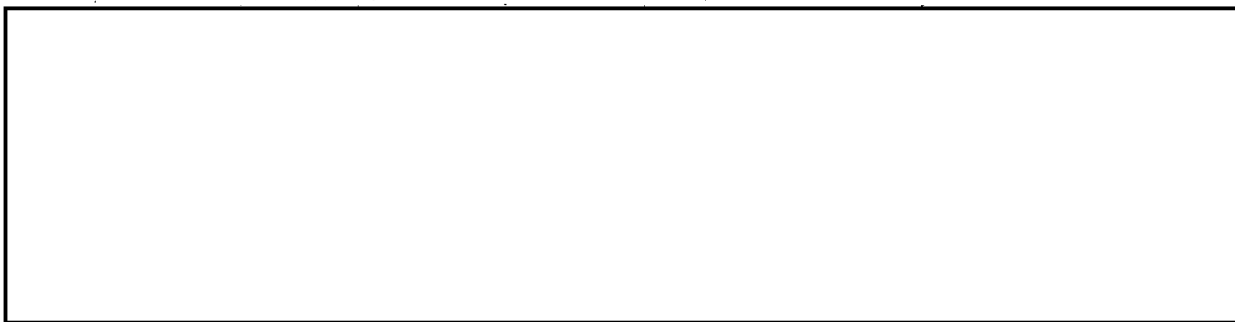


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In addition he has learned that sometime during 1963, a quantity of musical instruments were stolen somewhere in Michigan City, Indiana and taken to Blue Island, Illinois, where they were sold. The musical instruments he learned were stolen by [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

In addition he advised he learned that one JIMMY CATURA who resides on Laramie, south of 142nd Street, south of Chicago, Illinois, is "the bank" for the Chicago syndicate for all "juice" or gambling individuals, etc. He advised he went with [REDACTED] on one occasion several years ago to CATURA's residence when [REDACTED] picked up \$20,000 from CATURA. [REDACTED] CATURA's residence when [REDACTED] obtained the \$20,000. He saw that CATURA has [REDACTED] two double-door safes where he keeps his money.

Indianapolis, at Hammond, Indiana is requested to furnish the pertinent information relative to the robbery of the councilman to appropriate local authorities for whatever action they deem necessary.

Indianapolis also is requested to determine if there was any federal violation relative to the alleged stolen musical instruments and also if appropriate furnish the information relative to these stolen musical instruments to the local authorities.

[REDACTED]

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[redacted] advised that  
in the event any of the information [redacted] has furnished  
is of value to the FBI or local authorities, he would  
be willing to [redacted]  
[redacted]

Indianapolis advise Chicago Office if the  
information [redacted] furnished is of value so that [redacted]  
[redacted] can be advised.

Chicago at Chicago, Illinois, will through sources  
determine if information relative to CATURA is of any  
value.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (92-1371)

FROM : *REY* SAC, SPRINGFIELD (92-799)

SUBJECT: JAMES "THE BOMBER" CATUARA  
AR

DATE: 8-27-65

Re Chicago airtel to Springfield, 6-24-65.

On August 3, 1965, [redacted]  
Auditor of Public Accounts, State of Illinois, 201 State  
House Building, Springfield, Illinois, advised JAMES CATUARA  
was listed as an employee for the State of Illinois, his  
home address being 10313 South 52nd Avenue, Oaklawn, Illinois,  
and he was an employee in the Secretary of State Division for  
the State of Illinois.

On August 23, 1965, [redacted] advised the person  
sponsoring applicant for patronage jobs in the Illinois  
Secretary of State Office was information which she could  
not obtain. Chicago Office will note the Springfield Office  
does not have a source from which this information could be  
obtained regarding the person sponsoring CATUARA in his  
employment with the State. It should be further noted this  
information may be available in the Office of the Illinois  
Secretary of State, Chicago, Illinois, since CATUARA would be  
employed in that office.

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*Memorandum*

TO : SAC

CHICAGO

DATE:

9/29/65

FROM : SA

☐ CI☐ SI☒ PCI☐ PSI

SUBJECT:

## Dates of Contact

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## Titles and File #s on which contacted

~~SAM BATTAGLIA; AR~~

92-914

~~FELIX ALDERISIO; AR~~

92-415

~~JAMES CATUARA; AR~~

92-1371

## Purpose and results of contact

☐ NEGATIVE☒ POSITIVE

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b7D☒ Informant certified that he has  
furnished all information obtained  
by him since last contact.

Rating

Excellent

Coverage

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JAMES CATUARA, aka  
AR

Chicago informant advised that the subject, in the recent past, traveled frequently to Phoenix or Tucson, Arizona, for both business and pleasure. He is alleged to be associated with other former Chicago hoodlums in some type of legitimate business in one of the above cities.

Phoenix is requested to conduct credit and criminal checks in an effort to verify information furnished by the informant. If the subjects participation in a business is verified, will obtain complete information and partners in such business ventures.

Subject described as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of Birth	September 26, 1905
Height	5'4"
Weight	172 lbs.
Hair	Black
Eyes	Hazel
Nationality	Italian

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1 - Chicago

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## Memorandum

TO : SAC *Chicago* DATE: *10/5/65*FROM : S 

SUBJECT:

☐ CI☐ SI☐ PCI☐ PSI☐Dates of Contact *10/4/65*

Titles and File #s on which contacted

*JAMES THE BOMBER CATUMBA AR 92-1371*  
*FRANK "SIT" CARUSO, AR 92-1438*

Purpose and results of contact

☒ NEGATIVE  
☐ POSITIVE*See attached*☒ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.Rating *Very good*Coverage *same*

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Informant advised that

[REDACTED]

for

"The Bomber" (JAMES O'CATARRA)

and "SKID" (FRANK "SKID"

CARUSO) who operate the

"books" in the Bridgeport area

of Chicago. His true name

is

[REDACTED]

There are

two

[REDACTED]

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

*Memorandum*

TO : SAC , CHICAGO [REDACTED]

DATE: 10/8/65

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

☐ CI☐ SI☒ PCI☐ PSI

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

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Dates of Contact 10/4/65		
Titles and File #s on which contacted <b>FRANK LA PORTE, AR</b>		<b>92-920</b>
Assigned [REDACTED]		
<b>JAMES CATUARA, AR</b>		<b>92-1371</b>
Assigned [REDACTED]		
<b>WSTA MATTERS</b>		<b>31-0, Unassigned</b>
Purpose and results of contact <input type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE <p style="text-align: center;"><b>See Attached</b></p> <p><b>Information will not testify to any information furnished.</b></p>		
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[redacted]  
[redacted] **RICHIE GUZZINO**  
also operates a bookmaking central office that he normally travels to at 8:30 in the morning. The operation is based on a fictitiously rented house in the Beacon Hill section of Chicago Heights. In addition, **RICHIE GUZZINO** has two prostitutes working for him at an unknown location which he recently brought from New York. **RICHIE GUZZINO** was recently married but his wife is not a prostitute.

[redacted] is also connected with **GUIDO FIDANZI** and handles the "juice" operation for Chicago Heights from the J & R Collection Agency, which is located in the 1000 block of Chicago Road and from the Arcade Restaurant on 14th Street. They frequently have poker and dice games at the Arcade on Friday nights but it is a weekly game. Another gambling "joint" is located in the basement of George's Tavern in Steger, Illinois. The game is usually held on Thursday nights following pay day at the Ford Motor Company.

[redacted] has been separated for several months, but has recently returned to South Chicago Heights and is again living with his family at [redacted]  
[redacted]

Informant advised that other houses of prostitution controlled by the Chicago Heights group is one known as "Dago" Rose's Joint in Lockport or Joliet, Illinois. In addition, they have two houses of prostitution in northern Iowa and one located due north of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He is unable to furnish any more specific information regarding these locations. [redacted] and other Chicago Heights hoodlums are making arrangements to purchase the Mission Hill Inn at 95th and Mannheim Road, and informant expects that prostitution and gambling will be conducted on the premises. He has also heard that several Chicago Heights procurers frequently travel to Mackinac Island, Michigan, where they seem to be quite successful in obtaining prostitutes. It is noted that previous information was furnished by another source that [redacted]

[redacted] and is well known as a pimp who previously operated from the bar [redacted]  
[redacted]

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Date: 10/8/65

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TO : DIRECTOR

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FROM: SAC, CHICAGO

JAMES "THE BOMBER" CATUARA, AKA. AR.

AS BUREAU AWARE, CATUARA IN RECENT PAST APPEARS TO  
BE GAINING ADDITIONAL STATURE IN ORGANIZED CRIME IN  
SOUTHERN SUBURBS OF CHICAGO AND COULD REPLACE FRANK LA PORTE  
AS LEADER WHEN LA PORTE RETIRES.



FORMERLY OPERATED A LAVISH HOUSE OF  
PROSTITUTION AND GAMBLING OPERATION CHICAGO AREA UNDER  
DIRECTION OF CATUARA. AUSA CONTEMPLATES SUPPRESSED  
INDICTMENTS AND INVESTIGATION CONTINUING IN ATTEMPT TO  
DETERMINE IF CATUARA IS SUFFICIENTLY INVOLVED TO WARRANT  
PROSECUTION.

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**JAMES CATUARA**  
**ANTI-RACKETEERING**

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated and captioned as above at Chicago, Illinois.

**CHARACTERIZATION OF INFORMANTS**

[redacted] is an individual who has some knowledge of hoodlum influence in the construction industry.

[redacted] is an individual who is familiar with gambling operations on the South Side of Chicago.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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TITLE OF CASE  <b>JAMES CATUARA, Aka</b>		REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]	TYPED BY mpm
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>AR</b>	

REFERENCE: Report of SA [REDACTED] dated 7/30/65  
at Chicago.

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ENCLOSURES

TO BUREAU

Two (2) copies of a letterhead memorandum characterizing informants.

LEADS

Leads to other field divisions are being set forth as they are developed.

CHICAGO

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS: Will continue to report subject's background and criminal activities.  
Pending over one year. Yes.  
Pending prosecution over six months. No.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

Information furnished by the Indianapolis Division  
on 8/19/65 was furnished by [REDACTED]

INFORMANTS

[REDACTED] contacted by  
SA [REDACTED] on 11/24/64 and 9/2/65.

[REDACTED] contacted by SA [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] on 8/4/65.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

## Copy to:

1 - USA, Chicago

## Report of:

SA [REDACTED]

Office:

Chicago, Illinois

## Date:

10/14/65

## Field Office File #:

92-1371

Bureau File #:

92-6931

## Title:

JAMES CATUARA

## Character:

ANTI-RACKETEERING

## Synopsis:

Subject continues to reside at 10309 South Laramie, Oak Lawn, Illinois. Informant states CATUARA has some control of gambling activity in vicinity of 28th Street and Wallace in Chicago. Sources state that CATUARA appears to be under the control of Chicago's top hoodlum "MILWAUKEE PHIL ALDERISIO." Subject controls some aspects of most organized criminal activity from 22nd Street, Chicago, to the Indiana State Line. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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DETAILS:

Residence

[redacted] NA), Oak Lawn, Illinois Police Department, advised on October 4, 1965 that he and other officers of the department frequent "passes" near the subject's home at 10309 Laramie Avenue. CATUARA is frequently observed on the premises [redacted]

[redacted] stated that because of the other residents in the area, they are unable to successfully surveil. [redacted] reiterated that most of the area surrounding the subject's residence is occupied by other individuals who are well-known burglars and thieves.

Activities

Previous investigation indicating that the subject listed [redacted] as a personal [redacted] on an application for a loan from General Motors Acceptance Corporation. The application was made in regard to a purchase of an Oldsmobile automobile. On October 15, 1965 [redacted] was interviewed at his residence at [redacted]

[redacted] He refused to admit agents into his home, claiming that he had nothing to hide but that his wife was not present, and he could not allow anyone to enter without her permission. He stated he constantly resented inquiry by law enforcement officers regarding his background and associates. He subsequently admitted that JAMES CATUARA and [redacted] had previously been associated with him in the operation of the Club Palace in Calumet City, Illinois. He maintained that CATUARA was no longer associated with him and has no knowledge of the fact that CATUARA used him as a personal reference. He stated he knew nothing concerning CATUARA's activities and immediately stated that if he had information of any type he would under no circumstances furnish such information to the FBI. He requested that the interview be terminated, unless agents had warrant for his arrest. He advised that any future contact would be met with complete silence and that he would not discuss any matter at any time.

[redacted] advised that [redacted] is involved in fraudulent mortgage commitment company in Chicago. The company is owned by several Chicago hoodlums.

[redacted]  
[redacted]  
and that he controlled CATUARA and could have him come to a meeting [redacted]  
[redacted]

that "MILWAUKEE PHIL ALDERISIO" was actually in charge of the company and that although CATUARA was a "big man," his activities were dominated by ALDERISIO. He explained that any major complaints made to CATUARA would have to be taken to ALDERISIO and that under no circumstances should [redacted] attempt to go directly to CATUARA or ALDERISIO. Informant advised that later [redacted] but informant was unable to determine the circumstances and does not know if [redacted] is still in the Chicago area. To the best of the source's recollection, the above conversation occurred during November, 1964.

[redacted] advised on July 21, 1965 that [redacted] was at Scala's Restaurant, 42nd and Kedzie Avenue, Chicago. [redacted] at that time was observed talking with [redacted] (phonetic), and JIMMY CATUARA. They discussed some unknown individual who was apparently having trouble with a criminal charge and they were attempting to determine if this individual was going to be able to "beat the case." Source stated that although he could not overhear the entire conversation, he gained a definite impression that CATUARA had a large say in the gambling that took place in the area of 28th Street and Wallace in Chicago. The three individuals indicated that a District Manager's job in charge of gambling in that area would pay between \$250 and \$300 per week. Source stated that he was unable to overhear any additional conversation but has observed the three individuals meeting at the same location on previous occasions.

[redacted] advised that he learned that one [redacted] (phonetic) [redacted] for CATUARA.  
[redacted]

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Source at that time did not have any information regarding the relationship between CATUARA and [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

advised that he had attempted to determine from the State of Illinois who was sponsoring the subject in the patronage job which he held. He has been unsuccessful in determining who is sponsoring CATUARA.

[REDACTED] (NA), Homewood, Illinois, Police Department, advised on September 8, 1965, that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

of the above individuals were connected in some manner to various construction companies, and he feels that it is possibly involved in some construction interest that is probably owned by the subject.

The Indianapolis Office advised on August 19, 1965, that they received information that [REDACTED] is in Miami, Florida. [REDACTED]

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[redacted] advised on September 8, 1965, that he had been in contact with an individual named [redacted] who according to the informant is a "big man" in the outfit. [redacted] stated that GUIDO FIDANZI of Chicago Heights, Illinois, had been involved in several fraudulent mortgage commitment deals and was apparently causing a lot of trouble for managers of the Chicago Syndicate. [redacted] stated that he intended to contact JIMMY CATUARA and explain FIDANZI's actions to him and have CATUARA "handle that S.O.B. FIDANZI once and for all." Informant gained the impression that [redacted] was either going to tell or ask CATUARA for permission to have FIDANZI murdered.



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**Chicago, Illinois**

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Title

**JAMES CATUARA**

Character

**ANTI-RACKETEERING**

Reference is made to the report of Special  
Agent [redacted] dated and captioned as above  
at Chicago, Illinois.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities  
are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable  
information in the past.

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*Memorandum*

TO : SAC, CHICAGO [REDACTED]

DATE: 10/15/65

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

☐ CI☐ SI☒ PCI☐ PSI

SUBJECT [REDACTED]

## Dates of Contact

10/12/65

## Titles and File #s on which contacted

[REDACTED] AR	92-1733 (SA [REDACTED])
JAMES CATUARA, aka: AR	92-1371 (SA [REDACTED])
[REDACTED] AR	92-1885 (SA [REDACTED])
FRANK LA PORTE: AR	92-920 (SA [REDACTED])

## Purpose and results of contact

☐ NEGATIVE☒ POSITIVE

Informant will not testify to any information furnished.

See attached.

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☒ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

Rating

Very Good

Coverage

Same

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] CATUARA  
and LA PORTE are partners in numerous taverns and are close  
associates. He recalled the fact that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
Informant advised that LA PORTE is still active in the Chicago  
Heights area and that he and [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
Most of the former prostitutes who operated for the south side  
syndicate have become "go go girls" and this appears to be a more  
profitable venture for LA PORTE and [REDACTED] than the prostitutes  
they formerly controlled. Informant is of the opinion that the  
[REDACTED] have a "large clout" through the individual that  
controls [REDACTED] on the west side of Chicago.  
[REDACTED]

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Informant stated that [redacted] a large contractor [redacted] is not connected with any of the syndicate members and that he has made his fortune through his "shady" contracting and financing practices. A former partner of [redacted]  
[redacted]

RICKIE GUZZINO of Chicago Heights is a collector of books for LA PORTE and [redacted] in the Chicago Heights area. In addition, GUZZINO has two or three prostitutes working for him and he recently attempted to "muscle" the informant into obtaining an apartment for one of the girls. Informant advised that he threw him out of the house and told him he would take the matter up with [redacted] if GUZZINO wanted trouble. GUZZINO immediately backed off and indicated that he had very little power in the syndicate. The [redacted] are not a part of LA PORTE's outfit but they are left alone with their illegal activities because they are small time and LA PORTE is a close personal friend of [redacted]  
[redacted]

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[redacted] have been called into LA PORTE and warned that they are "getting out of line" on some of their burglaries and other activities and informant is of the opinion that if they continue to "get out of line", one of them will be killed in order to prove who runs Chicago Heights.  
[redacted]

The only organized gambling in Chicago Heights is a large floating crap game that travels to various locations. Informant stated he will attempt to learn of the current location of this game and advise.

Informant stated that in the future he would be more alert to organized crime in the Chicago Heights area and would be willing to discuss it with FBI Agents.



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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (92-1371)

DATE: 11/24/65

*JMR*  
FROM : SAC, PHOENIX (92-553) (RUC)

SUBJECT: JAMES CATUARA, aka  
AR

(OO: Chicago)

Reurlet dated 9/29/65.

On 10/21/65 IC [ ] checked the records of the Credit Bureau of Phoenix, the Phoenix Police Department, and the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office and no record of subject could be located.

On 11/3/65 IC [ ] checked the records of the Credit Bureau of Tucson, the Tucson PD and the Pima Co. SO without locating any record of subject.

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TO : SAC, INDIANAPOLIS (92-618)  
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (92-1371)  
SUBJECT: JAMES "THE BOMBER" CATUARA  
AR  
(OO: Chicago)

Chicago informant advised that subject is the part owner of a major Gary, Indiana taxicab company, possibly Yellow Cab.

Indianapolis requested to review license application for various taxi companies to determine if subject is listed as an owner. Will also contact logical informants in an effort to establish if he has a hidden interest in any such companies.

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*Memorandum*

TO : SAC Chicago [redacted]

DATE: 11/30/65

FROM : SA [redacted]

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SUBJECT: [redacted]

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Dates of Contact 11/9, 23/65

Titles and File #s on which contacted

~~JAMES CATUARA, aka; AR~~~~92-1371 Assigned~~

SA [redacted]

Purpose and results of contact

☐ NEGATIVE☒ POSITIVE

On 11/23/65 CI advised that subject is presently working out of the R & B Collection Agency, Prudential Building, Chicago Rd., Chicago Heights, Ill. This mortgage & collection agency [redacted] who came here from Peoria, Ill. Also working for this agency is GUIDO FIDANZI a hoodlum from Chicago Heights. According to CI this company has a great deal of money and while conducting a legitimate loan and collection business on the surface it will also conduct a "juice business" on the side.

☒ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

Rating Good

Coverage Same

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, Chicago (92-1371)

FROM : SAC, Indianapolis (92-618) (RUC)  
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SUBJECT: JAMES "THE BOMBER" CATUARA  
AR

DATE: 1/20/66

OO: Chicago

Re Chicago airtel to Indianapolis, dated 11/23/65.

Investigation at Indianapolis, Indiana, on 12/21/65, was conducted by SA [REDACTED]

On 12/21/65, [REDACTED] Secretary of State, State of Indiana, Corporation Records, State Capitol, Indianapolis, Indiana, made available records of all taxi companies listed at Gary, Indiana. They were as follows:

Yellow Cab Company, Gary, Inc.  
Yellow Cab Company of Gary, Inc.  
Checker Cab Company  
Safeway State Taxi Company  
United City Cab Company

Records of the above companies on file as above were negative for information for JAMES "THE BOMBER" CATUARA.

[REDACTED] was contacted on 12/30/65, and advised any business interests of the subject in Lake County, Indiana, were unknown to him.

For Chicago's information, [REDACTED] who is alleged to have Chicago connections is

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[redacted] the Yellow Cab Company,  
East Chicago, Indiana. It is believed this cab  
company is now defunct.

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Chicago indices would contain numerous  
references to [redacted]

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		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>AR</b>	

REFERENCE: Report of SA  at Chicago dated 10/14/65.

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Two copies of letterhead memorandum regarding characterization of informants.

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LEADS

Leads to other field divisions will be set out under separate communication as they develop.

Pending over one year - Yes

Pending prosecution over six months - No

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AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. Will continue this investigation and report subject's activities.

ADMINISTRATIVE

It is noted that the investigative period in this report is extensive. It has been maintained in a current status through interoffice communications.

INFORMANTS

SA [redacted] contacted 1/7/66, by

[redacted]

SAs [redacted] contacted 12/7/65, by

[redacted]

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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## Copy to:

1 - USA, CHICAGO

## Report of:

SA [REDACTED]

## Office:

CHICAGO

## Date:

1/31/66

## Field Office File #:

92-1371

## Bureau File #:

92-6931

## Title:

JAMES CATUARA

## Character:

ANTI-RACKETEERING

## Synopsis:

Subject interviewed on 1/19/66, at Hawks SAC Club, Chicago. He appeared friendly but refused to furnish any information regarding his activities or business commitments except that he admitted being a partner in Wilco, Joliet, Illinois. Subject's associate GUIDO FIDANZI recently arrested by Cook County SO Police for operation of a "con-game". Review of records maintained for FIDANZI discloses numerous contacts with local officials and local hoodlums.

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DETAILS:

[redacted] advised on January 8, 1966, that the subject continues to be a strong individual in the overall organized crime picture in South Cook County, Illinois. He spends the greatest part of the day light hours at the Hawks SAC Club, on 26th Street, in Chicago. He conducts numerous meetings and conversations with various hoodlums at a rear table in the club. His evening hours are consistently spent at his home at 10309 Larrabee Avenue, Oak Lawn, Illinois. On rare occasions he "cabarets" with hoodlum associates. Informant stated that the subject is connected with the Liberty Coffee Company in Chicago [redacted]. Informant advised that CATUARA recently learned that two young girls were prostituting in Blue Island, Illinois, and that CATUARA intends to send a couple of his "boys" to contact their procurers and determine if they will be allowed to continue to operate after insisting that CATUARA receive a percent of their earnings. Informant stated that although CATUARA is unable to provide complete protection from police and other law enforcement agencies he can still demand money from such individuals for protection from assault by other hoodlums. Informant advised that subject's associate [redacted] [redacted] Informant stated he does not know any of the details concerning the arrest.

[redacted]

R&B Collection Agency in Chicago Heights. This company is operated by FIDANZI and according to [redacted] is also a "hangout" for CATUARA, who actually owns the company.

[redacted] made available various records obtained from the R&B Collection Agency, and a review of the records disclosed that FIDANZI appeared to be familiar with numerous local police officers and politicians. Several notes were located indicating that

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FIDANZI or some member of the company was procuring prostitutes for [REDACTED] stated that although it is not positive it appeared to be [REDACTED] stated that FIDANZI's case will be called for trial on January 24, 1966.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] He claims that CATUARA and FRANK LA PORTE are partners in numerous taverns and are also close personal friends. He recalled the fact that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
that this incident was not a syndicate and that he and LA PORT were not involved in it. Informant stated that he is well acquainted with [REDACTED] and considers him to be a stupid individual who is not involved in any organized criminal activity.

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JAMES CATUARA was contacted at the Hawks SAC Club, 235 West 26th Street, Chicago, Illinois. He exhibited a friendly attitude and readily agreed to talk with Agents. He immediately advised that he was doing nothing that could be described as illegal and that all his efforts were bent toward being a successful businessman. He would not describe his business activity but did admit after questioning, that he was a partner in the Wilco Tobacco and Music Company, Joliet, Illinois. He denied any association with Corporative Music Company of Chicago Heights, but did admit that he was acquainted with FRANK LA PORTE. He denied that he had ever been associated with any of the "Strip joints" or other businesses located in Calumet City, Illinois.

CATUARA continued that the United States had been very good to him and that it was the greatest country in the world. He stated he has never returned to his native country of Italy and that he never plans to leave the United States. He stated he does not feel any obligation of loyalty to any of his relatives who remain in Italy. He claimed that since his release from prison many years ago he has always conducted himself as a law abiding citizen and stated that none of his income has come from any gambling proceeds.

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He stated that he is raising his family to respect the laws and law enforcement officers. He has consistently explained to his children that if they are lost they should always ask a policeman for help. He stated his oldest son, [redacted] is an excellent example of his teaching because he is currently [redacted]

[redacted] CATUARA stated his younger son, [redacted] will graduate from high school in the spring and that he expects him to go to college. He stated he will be very proud if any CATUARA becomes a "collegeman".

On 1/19/66 at Chicago, Illinois File # CG 92-1371

by SA [redacted] lmv Date dictated 1/24/66

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CATUARA maintained that he had only one complaint and that was that all newspaper men should be subject to the laws of libel because they are consistently attempting to "dirty" he and his family. He stated he had explained to reporters many times that he is a businessman and not a criminal. CATUARA stated that he expected to leave for Florida around the first of March for a vacation. He claimed that he did not know at this time where he planned to stay and that the trip would concern nothing of a business nature. CATUARA concluded by saying that he wished the interview to be terminated because of a prior business commitment which he did not name.

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Phoenix Office advised on November 24, 1965, that a review of the Credit Bureau, Phoenix Police Department, and the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office, could locate no record for the subject. Records of the Pima County Sheriff's Office, Tucson Police Department, and Credit Bureau of Tucson, contain no information regarding the subject.



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In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Chicago, Illinois  
January 31, 1966

Title

**JAMES CATUARA**

Character

**ANTI-RACKETEERING**

Reference

**Report of Special Agent [redacted]  
[redacted] dated and captioned as above.**

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All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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**JAMES CATUARA**  
**ANTI-RACKETEERING**

Reference is made to report of Special Agent  
[redacted] dated and captioned as above.

**CHARACTERIZATION OF INFORMANTS**

[redacted] is an individual who is familiar with  
gambling in South Cook County, Illinois.

[redacted] is an individual who is acquainted with  
numerous hoodlums in Southern Cook County, Illinois.

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*Memorandum*

TO : SAC, CHICAGO [REDACTED]

DATE: 2/8/66

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT [REDACTED]

Dates of Contact <b>1/31/66</b>		
Titles and File #s on which contacted		
<del>FRANK CARUSO</del>	<b>92-1438</b>	[REDACTED]
<del>JAMES CATUARA</del>	<b>92-1371</b>	[REDACTED]
Purpose and results of contact		
<input type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE		
(See Attached)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating <b>Very good</b>	Coverage <b>Same</b>
Personal Data		

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liquor license at the C & K Cutrate Liquors, 234 West Cermak, Chicago. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] PCI stated that liquor is sold to anyone from that store, minors included. Although apparently not doing too well financially, the business gets most of the liquor orders from that store. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

PCI stated that the Hawks SAC Club on 31st Street near Princeton, is a hangout for individuals who are employed by the City of Chicago and who are involved in patronizing positions. A number of police officers also are members of that club and frequent same.

PCI stated that JAMES CATURA frequently visits the Hawks SAC Club and makes contacts there.

PCI stated that CATURA recently started driving a 1966 225 Electra Buick hardtop with a brown body and black vinyl top.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC **SAC CHICAGO** [REDACTED]DATE: **2/10/66**

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

☒ CI☐ SI☐ PCI☐ PSI

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

## Dates of Contact

**2/4,8/66**

## Titles and File #s on which contacted

**Top hoodlum matters**

## Purpose and results of contact

☐ NEGATIVE☒ POSITIVE**see attached**☒ Informant certified that he has  
furnished all information obtained  
by him since last contact.

Rating

**excellent**

Coverage

**same**

## Personal Data

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**lcc 92-1371 (CATUARA)**  
**lcc 92-2016** [REDACTED]92-1371-97  
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Informant advised on 2/8/66 that years ago [redacted] was looked upon as being the head and the one who was consulted in connection with all crimes committed in the Bridgeport area of Chicago, Illinois. He reportedly controlled all vice and gambling in the area and was regarded as being "the mustache" or "whiskers", terms used loosely to identify leadership ~~xxx~~ among the Italian born or those of Italian extraction which largely comprised the above area. After ROTI's death, his sons attempted to take over his leadership, however they did not get the backing and full support needed, so JIMMY "The BOMBER" CATUARA began emerging as a leader, but he was not too enthusiastic about it, so FRANK "SKID" CARUSO, [redacted] was brought into leadership. CARUSO was described as an individual who had been used previously as "a hit man" for the above group and had developed into an alcoholic and "lush" who spent a great deal of time on "skidrow" section of Chicago, Illinois. He derived the nick-name of "SKID" from his association off West Madison Street. CARUSO continues his leadership in the Bridgeport area and has [redacted] on his payroll to furnish the "muscle" whenever it becomes necessary to do so.

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# Memorandum

CHICAGO [REDACTED]

3/2/66

TO : SAC [REDACTED]

DATE:

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

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Dates of Contact		
JAMES CATUARA, AR, Cgo 92-1371		
Titles and File #s on which contacted		
FRANK CARUSO, AR, Cgo 92-1438		
Purpose and results of contact		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> XXX See attached <input type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE <input type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE		
<p>Captioned individual was released from Federal prison around 7/28/65 and is presently on parole for the balance of his 10 year sentence. He has been contacted several times during the past 6-7 months. For several months he operated a used car with [REDACTED] at 35th and Halsted, Chicago, Illinois. At present time he is establishing a business wherein he will install [REDACTED] tape playing equipment in autos at 79th and Kedzie. He admitted that [REDACTED] he had been advance \$3000.00 by CATUARA to assist him in his new business venture.</p> <p>He is friendly during conversations, however is reluctant to speak about his past activities.</p> <p>It is suggested that the above [REDACTED] case be re-opened and assigned to the writer.</p>		
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<input type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating	Coverage
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Informant advised on 3/1/66 that Frank "SKID" CARUSO and JAMES "THE BOMBER" CATUARA have been partners insofar as their gambling activities are concerned in the Bridgeport area of Chicago, Illinois. They were directly responsible to FRANK "STRONGY" FERRARO, when he was alive. He remarked that the proceeds from their gambling interests has been greatly ~~xxx~~ curtailed due to the increased pressure of ~~xxx~~ law enforcement. He added that CARUSO is having some financial difficulty because he is several months behind with the ~~xxxxx~~ apartment rental for his paramour living on the north side of Chicago, Illinois. He added that CATURRA is in the process of selling WILCO, a vending machine company he has an interest in that is located in Joliet, Illinois.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC **CHICAGO** [redacted]

DATE: **4/5/66**

FROM : SA [redacted]

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SUBJECT: [redacted]

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Dates of Contact <b>3/31/66</b>		
Titles and File #s on which contacted [redacted] AR, Cgo 92-371, assigned to SA [redacted] <b>JAMES CATUARA, AR, Cgo 92-1371, " " SA [redacted]</b>		
Purpose and results of contact <input type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE <b>SEE ATTACHED</b> <input type="checkbox"/> STATISTIC		
<b>CAUTION IS TO BE UTILIZED IN THE DISSEMINATION OF ATTACHED INFO TO PROTECT THE SOURCE. SOURCE HAD BEEN CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH [redacted]</b>		
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# Seek Mob Link to Vice Bars

## Probe Started by Liquor Commission

BY ROBERT WIEDRICH

The Illinois Liquor Control commission opened an investigation yesterday into the ownership of a network of B-girl joints and vice dens in southwestern Cook county and parts of Will county, reportedly functioning under the control of Frank LaPorte, crime syndicate rackets boss for the area.

Attention centered on the activities of James [The Owl] Catuara, a mobster with a reputation for being a dynamite bomber, who reportedly has left his post as a vice collector on the near southwest side to become vice overseer in LaPorte's territory.

### Two Joints Closed

The investigation was prompted by the closing of two B-girl joints in Willow Springs following a series of TRIBUNE articles disclosing how teen-agers and male adults have been bilked in the taverns.

Howard Cartwright, chairman of the liquor control commission, acted under a state law which became effective Jan. 1. The law directs the commission to determine the true ownership of retail liquor establishments suspected of having syndicate financial interests.

### Cops to Make Checks

Uniformed sheriff's deputies and detectives of the vice control unit were ordered yesterday by Sheriff Richard Ogilvie to make hourly checks of the two vice dens in Willow Springs which were closed.

They are the Keen Club A-Go-Go, 8224 Kean av., and the

Miami club, 8224 Kean av., both in the southwestern suburb. Tribune investigators were solicited for prostitution in both places early Thursday.

Cartwright said that the Keen club must remain closed for a year unless Judge Charles S. Daugherty of Circuit court grants an appeal of the liquor control commission's action last fall to revoke the club's license because of solicitation for prostitution.

### Court Order Expires

The Keen club was closed Monday by Sheriff's deputies and state police after Cartwright's staff discovered a 60-day court order had expired. The order permitted the club to remain open pending the filing of an appeal. No appeal was filed by last Thursday's deadline.

The Miami club was closed Sunday under a 30-day license

suspension, also resulting from vice charges.

If the Circuit court upholds the state commission's revocation of the Keen club license, Cartwright said, Robert R. Davis, the owner of record, will be prohibited from ever holding another liquor license.

Cartwright said the ownership investigation would be the first under the law, which was designed to oust hoodlums from the ownership of Chicago area night clubs, motels, restaurants, and taverns.

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## RECORD OF INFORMATION FURNISHED OTHER AGENCIES

Orally 2/25/66 By Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Written Communication \_\_\_\_\_  
date date date

Information concerning:

*Jones Cathura*

Information furnished from File, Serial, and Page Number:

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Information furnished was obtained:

☒ during course of Bureau investigation☒ from informants☐ from complainants or other sources

Information furnished to:

*Bureau I.D.*

Remarks:

*Made available home address of Jones Cathura.*

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DIRECTOR, FBI (92-6931)

March 1, 1966

✓ SAC, CHICAGO (92-1371)

JAMES CATUARA, aka  
AR

Re Bureau airtel dated 1/31/66 entitled  
"CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM."

Review of the Chicago files discloses that the  
best source number is [redacted] Investigation discloses  
that subject has no known relative connected with organized  
crime in the Chicago area which is associated with any  
illegal family.

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TO : SAC , CHICAGO

DATE: 3/28/66

FROM : SA

☐ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

☒ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT:

Dates of Contact <b>2/22/66, 3/21/66</b>		
Titles and File #s on which contacted		
<b>RALPH EMERY</b>	<b>92-2013</b>	
<b>FRANK LA PORTE, AR</b>	<b>92-920</b>	
<b>JAMES CATUARA</b>	<b>92-1371</b>	
Purpose and results of contact		
<input type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE <input type="checkbox"/> STATISTIC		
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>The informant will not testify to any information furnished.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>See attached.</b></p>		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating <b>Good</b>	Coverage <b>Same</b>
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[REDACTED]  
contact with RALPH EMERY who advised [REDACTED] entire business today was taken up with operation of the Regal Vending Company in Chicago Heights. Informant stated he observed EMERY enter a 1966 bronze Cadillac with a black vinyl top, which has Illinois License CM 8806. Informant stated that EMERY's paramour [REDACTED] was also observed leaving in a 1964 blue Oldsmobile Illinois license [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
stated that he observed [REDACTED] at 60 Illinois Street which is a furniture store owned [REDACTED] and other Chicago Heights hoodlums. He saw [REDACTED] pull a .375 magnum and place it against an unknown individuals head with the threat to kill him for non-payment of a loan. He has also heard that [REDACTED] has prostitutes operating at the Dixie Governor Motel and Dorchester Club in Dolton.  
[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]  
ET AL  
ITSMV - RING CASE  
(OO: Chicago)

On March 20, 1966 [REDACTED] telephonically contacted SA [REDACTED] and advised that she had reached a decision with respect to her own conscience and to the best interest of [REDACTED] and wished to relate information on a confidential basis to the FBI.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] JIMMY "THE BOMBER" CATURA were opening up a yard or garage somewhere in south suburban Cook County and were going to handle hot cars and loads through the garage. She said [REDACTED] was also associated in the venture.

[REDACTED]  
She said in connection with the auto theft ring that [REDACTED] were the individuals who primarily concerned themselves with thefts. [REDACTED]

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In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No. 92-1371  
Form CG 7

219 South Dearborn Street  
Chicago, Illinois 60604  
7-29-66

Office of Secretary of State  
State Capitol Building  
Springfield, Illinois

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Attention: Auto File Section

Dear Sir:

In connection with an official investigation being conducted by this office, registration information is requested of your office concerning the Illinois license number(s) listed in space provided below.

Space is provided on the lower half of this letter for desired information which may be available in your files, date on which your records were checked, and name of employee making the check. Please return our letter, furnishing available information, in the enclosed, self-addressed envelope which requires no postage.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Special Agent in Charge

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TITLE OF CASE <b>JAMES CATUARA, aka</b>		REPORT MADE BY SA <span style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 150px; height: 1.2em; vertical-align: middle;"></span>	TYPED BY <b>RR</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>AR</b>	

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REFERENCE: Report of SA  at Chicago dated 1/31/66.

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Two copies of a letterhead memorandum reflecting characterization of informants.

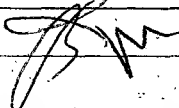
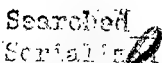

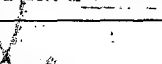

LEADS

Leads to other field divisions will be set forth under separate communications as they develop.

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Pending prosecution over six months - No

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AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. Will continue to investigate and report subject's activities.

ADMINISTRATIVE

It is noted that the investigative period in this report is extensive. It has been maintained in a current status through interoffice communications.

INFORMANTS

INFORMANT

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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Copy to: 1 - USA, Chicago

Report of: SA [REDACTED]  
Date: 6/6/66

Office: Chicago

Field Office File #: 92-1371

Bureau File #: 92-6931

Title: JAMES CATURARA

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis: The subject continues to reside at 10309 South Laramie, Oak Lawn, Illinois. Informant states that the subject and FRANK LA PORTE are selling Wilco in Joliet, Illinois. The reported purchaser is the [REDACTED] group of Chicago. Interview of a former partner in Wilco, [REDACTED] admits sale of the partnership, but states he does not know the new owners. Newspaper article alleges subject connected with various striptease and a-go-go joints in Southwest Chicago suburbs.

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DETAILS:

[redacted] Oak Lawn, Illinois Police Department, advised on February 2, 1966, and May 23, 1966, that the subject continues to reside at 10309 South Laramie or 52nd Court as it is sometimes called in Oak Lawn, Illinois. Both advised that the subject to the best of their knowledge continues none of his illegal activities at his residence and that frequent spot checks of the house have failed to indicate that the subject receives any visitors who can be determined to be connected with any illegal activity.

[redacted] advised on March 1, 1966, that FRANK "SKID" CARUSO and JAMES "THE BOMBER" CATUARA have been partners in so far as the gambling activities are concerned in the Bridgeport area of Chicago. They were directly responsible to FRANK FERRARO when he was alive. Informant stated that the proceeds from their gambling interests have been greatly curtailed due to the increased pressure of law enforcement. Informant added that CARUSO is having some financial difficulty because he is known to be several months behind with the apartment rental for his paramour who he has in an apartment on the north side of Chicago. Informant added that CATUARA and FRANK LA PORTE are in the process of selling Wilco, a vending machine company, located in the Joliet, Illinois, area. Informant believes that the [redacted] group from Chicago are the ones behind the purchase of the company.

Informant advised that one of CATUARA's close associates is [redacted]

[redacted]

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[REDACTED]

Informant further advised that it is extremely difficult to obtain money from CATUARA and he is known as a "tightwad". He stated that CATUARA goes to Florida with other hoodlums and he seldom, if ever, picks up the "tab" for any of the expenses. Informant is positive that it is not a lack of money but that CATUARA is simply a "cheapskate".

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] liquor license to the C & K Cut Rate Liquors, 234 West Cermak, Chicago, Illinois.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Source stated that liquor is sold from the store to anyone including any minor that attempts to purchase it. Informant indicated that practically all of the Italian families in the area purchase their liquor

[REDACTED]

Informant stated that the Hawks SAC Club on 31st Street near Princeton is a hang-out for individuals who are employed by the City of Chicago and who are involved in patronizing positions. A number of police officers are also members of the club and can be frequently observed inside. Informant stated that CATUARA is at the club on practically a daily basis and conducts most of his business from this location.

Informant stated that CATUARA recently purchased a new automobile and is now driving a 1966 Electra 225 Buick, hard top, which has a brown body with a black vinyl top. He has been unable to obtain the current license plate number.

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[redacted] advised on February 8, 1966, that years ago [redacted] was looked upon as being the head and the one who was consulted in connection with all crimes committed in the Bridgeport area of Chicago. He supposedly controlled all of vice and gambling and was regarded as being the "Mustache" or "Wiskers", which terms were used loosely to identify the leadership among the Italian born or those of Italian extraction, which largely comprises the above section of Chicago. After RODI's death, his sons attempted to take over his leadership, however, they did not get the full backing and support needed. Soon JIMMY "THE BOMBER" CATUARA began emerging as a leader, but he was not too enthusiastic about it, so FRANK "SKID" CARUSO, [redacted] was brought into share this leadership. CARUSO was described as an individual who had been used previously as a "hit man" for the above group and had developed into an alcoholic and "lush", who spent a great deal of time at various bars in the "skid row" section of Chicago. According to the informant, this is where he obtained his nickname "SKID", from his associations on West Madison Street. CARUSO, until the present day, continues to exert leadership in the Bridgeport area and has [redacted] on his payroll to furnish the muscle to back up his leadership whenever it becomes necessary.

[redacted] advised on March 31, 1966, that [redacted]  
[redacted]  
the territory where CATUARA operates and informant assumes that a lot of their activities are cleared through CATUARA.

Informant stated that [redacted] who has specialized in major burglaries, armed hi-jacking of trucks, and strong armed robberies, has had [redacted] intercede in his behalf in connection with a squabble [redacted] had with one of [redacted]  
[redacted]

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[redacted]  
[redacted] advised on March 21, 1966, that [redacted]  
who resides in [redacted]  
[redacted] for CATUARA have a "juice territory" which covers  
Chicago Heights, Illinois. Informant stated that he personally  
has observed [redacted]

[redacted] along with other Chicago Heights  
hoodlums, pull a 357 Magnum and place it against an unknown  
individual's head with the threat to kill him for non-payment  
of a loan. Informant stated that he has also heard that  
[redacted] has prostitutes operating at the Dixie - Governor  
in East Hazelcrest and the Dorchester Inn in Dalton, Illinois.

[redacted]  
Homewood, Illinois, advised on May 27, 1966, that he had  
received information from an unnamed source that one of  
CATUARA's strong arm boys named [redacted] was to be murdered  
in the near future. The reason supposedly is because  
[redacted] beat an unknown girl friend of [redacted]  
from Chicago Heights. [redacted] stated he does not know if this  
is merely [redacted] threat or whether such a killing has  
been cleared with LA PORTE and CATUARA.

On April 19, 1966, [redacted] was interviewed [redacted]

[redacted]  
[redacted] but had no information  
regarding his business activities or his personal life.

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[redacted] refused to make any comments regarding any of his activities or those of his neighbors or associates.

[redacted]

of the Wilco Music and Tobacco Company, Joliet, Illinois. He admitted that the company had been sold but stated that he did not know the name of the new owner because his accountant, whose name he would not furnish, handled the transaction. He also advised that he did not recall the name of the partners who had previously owned Wilco, but did admit that he, LA PORTE, and several others were the previous owners. He was questioned regarding his association with JAMES CATUARA and would only state that he was familiar with the name of the individual.

[redacted] was contacted on May 18, 1966, and stated he had no knowledge regarding the shotgun assault

[redacted]

On February 9, 1966, edition of the "Chicago Tribune," a daily Chicago newspaper, contained an article which reads in part as follows:

The Illinois Liquor Control Commission opened an investigation into the ownership of B Girls Joints in Southwestern Cook County, which reportedly functioned under the control of JAMES "THE OWL" CATUARA, a mobster with a reputation for being a dynamite bomber, who reportedly has left his past as a vice collector on the near Southwest side to become a vice overseer in FRANK LA PORTE's area. The article dealt with the Keen Club A-Go-Go, 8290 Keen Avenue, and the Miami Club, 8224 Keen Avenue.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
Chicago, Illinois  
June 6, 1966

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No. CG 92-1371

Title JAMES CATURARA

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Character ANTI-RACKETEERING

Reference Report of Special Agent [redacted]  
[redacted] dated and captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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**JAMES CATUARA**  
**ANTI-RACKETEERING**

Reference is made to report of Special Agent [redacted]  
dated and captioned as above at Chicago.

**CHARACTERIZATION OF INFORMANTS**

[redacted] is an individual who has knowledge of  
gambling activities in Southern Cook County.

[redacted] is an individual who is familiar with  
some criminal activities in the Bridgeport area of Chicago.

[redacted] is an individual who is familiar with  
gambling activities in Chicago.

[redacted] is an individual who has a wide acquaintance  
of hoodlums in the Chicago area.

[redacted] is an individual who is familiar with  
gambling activities in certain Chicago suburban areas.

This document contains neither recommendations nor  
conclusions of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. It is the  
property of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and is loaned  
to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed  
outside your agency.

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TO : SAC CHICAGO [REDACTED]

DATE: 5/26/66

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

☒ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

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Dates of Contact

4/20, 5/16/66

Titles and File #s on which contacted

JAMES LATUARA aka - A.R.

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SA [REDACTED]

Purpose and results of contact

☐ NEGATIVE

☒ POSITIVE

☐ STATISTIC

Informant advised that subject had not gone to Florida this year as he usually does because "Sbid" Caruso was out of town at the time (4/20/66)

He advised that subject has several unknown individuals trying to organize the prostitutes in the Chicago Heights area so that for would be collected by them in order to have them solicit.

☒ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

Rating

Very Good

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC *Chicago* [redacted]

DATE: *6/27/66*

FROM : SA [redacted]

☐ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

☒ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT:

☐

Dates of Contact

*6/21/66*

Titles and File #s on which contacted

*JAMES CATOARA AR*

*Chgo 92-1371, SA*

*Chgo 92-2016 SA*

Purpose and results of contact

☐ NEGATIVE

☒ POSITIVE

☐ STATISTIC

*(Handwritten signature/initials)*

☒ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

Rating

*Very good*

Coverage

*Full*

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Sherman advised on 4/21/66  
that [redacted]  
continued to be on Hunt "Mid"  
Carson's payroll. [redacted]  
recently moved into a home  
he purchased at [redacted]  
[redacted]

He also advised that  
Jimmy "The Bomber" Catesura is  
building a new home in  
the immediate vicinity of  
103<sup>rd</sup> & Kelpatrich. I think  
had his oaklawn home  
sold however the buyer  
"backed-out".

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC , CHICAGO [REDACTED]

DATE: 6/27/66

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FROM : SA [REDACTED]

☒ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

Dates of Contact

6/16, 17 and 20/66

Titles and File #s on which contacted

FELIX ALDERISIO AR

92-415 (SA [REDACTED])

[REDACTED] AR

92-1322

JAMES CATUARA AR

✓ 92-1371 (SA [REDACTED])

[REDACTED] AR

92-1040 (SA [REDACTED])

[REDACTED] AR

92-2022 (SA [REDACTED])

SAM GIANCANA AR

92-349

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[REDACTED] AR

15-26551 (SA [REDACTED])

SAM BATTAGLIA

92-914 (SA [REDACTED])

- ☐ NEGATIVE  
☒ POSITIVE  
☐ STATISTIC

Purpose and results of contact

See attached:

**EXTREME CARE SHOULD BE EXERCISED IN  
DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN  
AS INFORMANT WILL NOT TESTIFY UNDER ANY  
CIRCUMSTANCES**

☐ Informant certified that he has  
furnished all information obtained  
by him since last contact.

Rating

**Excellent**

Coverage

**Same**

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On June 17, 1966, informant advised that [redacted]  
[redacted]  
that [redacted] is a big liar. He said that he is in a lot of trouble because of collecting money for obtaining mortgages and not producing.

Informant said that [redacted] is hurting for money, now that his store has been closed. He borrowed \$10,000 from ALDERISIO the other day. [redacted]  
[redacted]

[redacted] He said that whenever he goes out on a job, he always checks with ALDERISIO first. Informant said that [redacted]  
[redacted]

ALDERISIO expressed the opinion that SAM GIANCANA should get out of town until the heat is off of his being released and not brought before the Federal Grand Jury again. Informant said that SAM GIANCANA is blaming ALDERISIO for all of his troubles. He felt that [redacted] gave him bad advice about how he should act, when subpoenaed before the Federal Grand Jury. In view of the fact that ALDERISIO had recommended [redacted] he blames ALDERISIO. He refused to give ALDERISIO any credit for getting him released.

Informant said that JIMMEY CATURRA has been conferring with ALDERISIO on a steady basis.

ALDERISIO said that he doesn't like [redacted] and [redacted] doesn't like ALDERISIO because he embarrasses him in front of other lawyers. ALDERISIO said that he has to put up with [redacted] because he had an in with [redacted] who is retiring. He also has a good contact with one of the other justices (name unknown) in the Appellate Court, who is still on the bench.

[redacted]

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Date: 6/21/66

Transmit the following in PLAINTEXT  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via TELETYPE DEFERRED  
(Priority)

TO : DIRECTOR (92-6931)

FROM: SAC CHICAGO (92-1371)✓

JAMES CATUARA, AKA. AR. OO CHICAGO.

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[REDACTED] ON JUNE TWENTY LAST ADVISED THAT VETERANS ADMINISTRATION HOSPITAL, HINES, ILL., PLANNED TO AWARD CONTRACT FOR AMBULANCE SERVICE TO SCULLY-WALTON AMBULANCE SERVICE. CTE ADVISED THAT SCULLY-WALTON ALLEGEDLY

[REDACTED] OF R AND B COLLECTION CO., CHICAGO HEIGHTS, ILL. FIDANZI, A LIEUTENANT OF JAMES CATUARA. CTE STATED FIDANZI AND [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] KNOWN TO BE CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH CATUARA, PHIL ALDERISIO, AND OTHER HOODLUMS, HAD TAKEN OVER SCULLY-WALTON ALTHOUGH THEY RETAINED [REDACTED] A PCI PREVIOUSLY FURNISHED INFO THAT [REDACTED] WAS DEEP IN JUICE TO FIDANZI AND THAT FIDANZI WAS ASSUMING CONTROL OF SCULLY-WALTON. [REDACTED] V. A. HOSPITAL,

HINES, ILL., TODAY CONFIRMED THAT VA PLANNED TO AWARD AMBULANCE CONTRACT TO SCULLY-WALTON. [REDACTED] HAS ADMITTED TO

1 - [REDACTED]  
1 - C-1 Tickler

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Approved: *(Signature)*  
(3) Special Agent in Charge

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(Priority)

CG 92-1371

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BECAUSE OF INQUIRY ADVISED HE PLANNED TO MAKE ADDITIONAL  
CHECK BEFORE AWARDING CONTRACT. CHICAGO SUBMITTING LHM  
IMMEDIATELY FOR DISSEMINATION TO VA.

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

6/22/66

A I R T E L

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (92-6931)  
FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (92-1371)  
SUBJECT: JAMES CATUARA, aka  
AR

Re Chicago teletype to Director, 6/21/66.

Enclosed are eight copies of a letterhead memorandum concerning hoodlum influence in Scully-Walton Ambulance Service. It is to be noted that the Veterans Administration Hospital at Hines, Illinois, is presently planning to award a contract for ambulance service to Scully-Walton.

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Chicago, Illinois  
June 22, 1966

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**JAMES CATUARA**  
**ANTI-RACKETEERING**

On December 27, 1965, a source who has furnished reliable information in the past [redacted] furnished the following information confidentially to the Chicago Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Office.

The source stated that several years ago Scully-Walton, a nationwide ambulance service, had sold out its Chicago operation [redacted]. He stated that Scully-Walton had lost their contract with the Veterans Administration and that the loss of this contract had resulted in [redacted] from Guido Fidanski of R & B Collection Company, Chicago Heights, Illinois. He said Fidanski was now the real owner of Scully-Walton Ambulance Service [redacted].

Guido Fidanski is a local hoodlum who operates under the aegis of James "The Bomber" Catuara, a well known Chicago area hoodlum.

On June 20, 1966, another source who has furnished reliable information in the past furnished the following information confidentially to the Chicago FBI Office.

The source stated that the Veterans Administration Hospital at Hines, Illinois, was planning on awarding the contract for ambulance service to Scully-Walton Ambulance Service. The source advised that Guido Fidanski of the

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H & B Collection Company, Chicago Heights, Illinois, a worker for James Catuara had taken over the operation and ownership of Scully-Walton Ambulance Service. He said that

[redacted]  
[redacted] but that Vidanzi and [redacted]  
H & B Collection Agency, were actually running the company.

[redacted] is closely associated with James Catuara, Phil Alderisio and other well known Chicago area hoodlums.

[redacted]

[redacted]

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC *Chicago* [redacted]

DATE: *6/23/66*

FROM : SA [redacted]

SUBJECT:

☐ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)  
☒ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R  
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Dates of Contact *6/21/66*

Titles and File #s on which contacted

*LUGUES CATUANA AR Chgo 92-1371, JAL*  
*107 Chgo 92-2016 SA*

Purpose and results of contact

☐ ~~NEGATIVE~~  
☒ ~~POSITIVE~~  
☐ STATISTIC

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☒ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

Rating

*Very good*

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*92-2016*

As [redacted] [redacted]

continued to be on "Book 1" which  
 Cassin's Jay's [redacted]  
 with [redacted] [redacted]  
 he [redacted] at [redacted]

[redacted]

He also advised that  
 during "The Bites" [redacted] is  
 [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] in  
 the immediate vicinity of  
 103<sup>rd</sup> & Kelpetrich [redacted]  
 had been shown [redacted]  
 [redacted] however the [redacted]  
 "bush-out"

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC

CHICAGO

DATE:

7/14/66

FROM : SA

☒ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT:

Dates of Contact

7/14/66

Titles and File #s on which contacted

JAMES CATUARA

92-1371

AKA; AR

Assigned SA

Purpose and results of contact

- ☐ NEGATIVE  
☒ POSITIVE  
☐ STATISTIC

C1 advised that with Catuara's OK. most of the prostitutes in the Chicago Heights area have been organized and are paying fees to operate. He has not learned who actually collects the fees and what percentage goes to Catuara; He is attempting to determine if any fees go interstate or if girls are brought in from out of state.

☒ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

Rating

Very Good

Coverage

Same

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TO : SAC , CHICAGO ( [REDACTED] )

DATE: 7/8/66

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

☒ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

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## Dates of Contact

6/27, 28, 29/66

## Titles and File #s on which contacted

ANTHONY ACCARDO, aka. AR.

92-344

SAM BATTAGLIA, aka. AR.

92-914

[REDACTED] aka. AR.

92-2038

[REDACTED] aka. AR.

92-1160

[REDACTED] aka. AR.

92-1360

[REDACTED] aka. AR.

92-1040

## Purpose and results of contact

☐ NEGATIVE☒ POSITIVE☐ STATISTIC

FRANK LA PORTE, aka. AR.

162-490

92-920

JAMES CATUARA, aka. AR.

92-1371 ✓

The C-TE furnished information which is being set out in the attached memorandum.

☒ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

Rating

Excellent

Coverage

Same

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TO : SAC, CHICAGO [REDACTED]

DATE: 7/13/66

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

☒ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

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Dates of Contact		
7/7/66		
Titles and File #s on which contacted		
SAM BATTAGLIA, aka, AR.	92-914	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] aka, AR.	92-2038	
[REDACTED] aka, AR.	92-1415	
[REDACTED] aka, AR.	92-1358	
[REDACTED] aka, AR.	92-1328	
JAMES CATUARA, aka, AR.	92-1371	
Purpose and results of contact		
<input type="checkbox"/> Negative	[REDACTED] aka, AR.	92-1360
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Positive	GUS ALEX, aka, AR.	92-373
<input type="checkbox"/> Statistic	SAM ALEX, aka, AR.	92-864
	[REDACTED] aka, AR.	92-1998
	[REDACTED] aka, AR.	92-1359
	[REDACTED] aka, AR.	92-374
	SAM GIANCANA, aka, AR.	92-349
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact	Rating  Excellent	Coverage  Same
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# Memorandum

TO : SAC *Chicago* [redacted]

DATE: *7/7/66*

FROM : SA [redacted]

☐ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: [redacted]

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Dates of Contact	
<i>7/6/66</i>	
Titles and File #s on which contacted	
<i>Frank La Porte AR</i>	<i>92-920</i>
<i>James Catuara AR</i>	<i>92-1371</i>
<i>Guido Fidanzzi; Harvey J. Powers ETAL</i>	<i>ITSP 87-24944</i>
<i>Guido Fidanzzi; Harvey J. Powers ETAL</i>	<i>ITOR 166-443</i>

Purpose and results of contact

- ☐ NEGATIVE  
☒ POSITIVE  
☐ STATISTIC

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as marked*

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating <i>Excellent</i>	Coverage <i>same</i>
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*1-92-920 (SA [redacted])*  
*1-92-1371 (SA [redacted])*  
*1-87-24944 (closed info [redacted])*  
*1-166-443 (closed info [redacted])*

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*Memorandum*

TO : SAC

CHICAGO [REDACTED]

DATE: 8/11/66

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

☐ CI☐ SI☐ PCI☐ PSI

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

☒ CTE

Dates of Contact <b>7/22, 8/1 and 2/66</b>		
Titles and File #s on which contacted		
[REDACTED] aka; AR	92-1360 (SA [REDACTED])	
[REDACTED] aka; AR	92-2018 (SA [REDACTED])	
[REDACTED] Et A1; ITSP; FEW; CONSPIRACY	87-25753 (SA [REDACTED])	
[REDACTED] aka; AR	92-1373 (SA [REDACTED])	
[REDACTED] aka; AR	92-1160 (SA [REDACTED])	
[REDACTED] aka; AR	92-1322	
Purpose and results of contact		
<input type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE		
SAMUEL GIANCANA, aka; AR	92-349 (SA [REDACTED])	
JAMES CATUARA, aka; AR	92-1371 (SA [REDACTED])	
DALPH PIERCE, aka; AR	92-375 (SA [REDACTED])	
[REDACTED], aka; AR	92-1998 (SA [REDACTED])	
SAM DATTAGLIA, aka; AR	92-914 (SA [REDACTED])	
[REDACTED] aka; AR	92-1328 (SA [REDACTED])	
[REDACTED] aka; AR	92-1040 (SA [REDACTED])	
<p>The CTE furnished information which is being set out in the attached memorandum.</p> <p>Extreme care should be utilized in using any of the information contained in the attached memorandum in order to protect the source who is in a most sensitive position.</p>		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating <b>Excellent</b>	Coverage <b>Same</b>
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[REDACTED]

SAMUEL GIANCANA

JAMES CATUARA

RALPH PIERCE

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] furnished the following information  
to SA [REDACTED] on August 1, 1966:

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Giannotti's Restaurant (formerly the  
Armory Lounge) in Forest Park, Illinois, in an effort to  
locate [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
JAMES CATUARA and GUIDO FIDANZI were sitting together in  
the restaurant. [REDACTED] had several private  
conversations [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] said ask for RALPH PIERCE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

JAMES CATUARA said "let me do it, I know everybody  
there." CATUARA then called Ray Colomb's Restaurant and  
determined that [REDACTED] had not yet arrived  
there.

The CTE said that the change in ownership at the Armory Lounge had not changed anything. He said the same hoodlums hang there and that [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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*Memorandum*TO : SAC **CHICAGO** [REDACTED]DATE: **8/17/66**b2  
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FROM : SA [REDACTED]

☒ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R☐

## Dates of Contact

**8/8, 10/66**

## Titles and File #s on which contacted

[REDACTED]	aka; AR	92-1328 (SA [REDACTED])
[REDACTED]	aka; AR	92-2017 (SA [REDACTED])
[REDACTED]	aka; AR	92-1160 (SA [REDACTED])
<b>PHIL ALDERISIO</b>	aka; AR	92-415 (SA [REDACTED])
[REDACTED]	ET AL; ITSP	87-25753 (SA [REDACTED])

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## Purpose and results of contact

☐ NEGATIVE  
☒ POSITIVE  
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The C-72 furnished information which is being set out in the attached memorandum.

Extreme care should be utilized in using any of the information contained in the attached memorandum in order to protect the source who is in a most sensitive position.

☒ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

Rating

**Excellent**

Coverage

**Same**LAW:DAS  
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[REDACTED] aka; AR  
SAN BATTAGLIA, aka; AR

[REDACTED]  
SAN GIANCANA, aka; AR  
[REDACTED] aka; AR  
JAMES CATUARA, aka; AR  
[REDACTED] aka; AR  
[REDACTED] aka; AR

92-2038 (SA [REDACTED])  
92-914 (SA [REDACTED])  
92-923 [REDACTED]  
92-349 (SA [REDACTED])  
92-1358 (SA [REDACTED])  
92-1371 (SA [REDACTED])  
92-1315 (SA [REDACTED])  
92-1360 (SA [REDACTED])  
92-1373 (SA [REDACTED])

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC [REDACTED]

DATE: 8/22/66

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

☒ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

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Dates of Contact <b>8/16/66</b>		
Titles and File #s on which contacted		
[REDACTED] aka; A-R	92-1160	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] aka; A-R	92-1360	
[REDACTED] ET AL; ITSP; FBI-CONSPIRACY	87-2575	
[REDACTED] aka; IGA	162-490	
[REDACTED] aka; A-R	92-1328	
<b>JAMES CATUARA, aka; A-R</b>	<b>92-1371</b>	
Purpose and results of contact		
<input type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE <input type="checkbox"/> STATISTIC		
<p>The CTE furnished information which is being set out in the attached pages.</p> <p>EXTREME CARE SHOULD BE UTILIZED IN USING ANY OF THE INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE SOURCE WHO IS IN A MOST SENSITIVE POSITION.</p>		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating <b>Excellent</b>	Coverage <b>Same</b>

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1 - 92-1360  
1 - 87-2575  
1 - 162-490

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC

*Chicago*

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*9/2/66*

FROM : SA

☒ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT:

Dates of Contact

*9/2/66*

Titles and File #s on which contacted

*JAMES CATUARA, AR, Chgo 92-1371 Amended*  
*SA*

Purpose and results of contact

☐ NEGATIVE  
☒ POSITIVE  
☐ STATISTIC

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☒ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

Rating

*very good*

Coverage

*same*

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Informant advised on 9/2/66  
that [redacted] who was involved  
in bootleg liquor activities and in  
more recent years operated as  
a "fence" for stolen loads of  
merchandise, is closely associated  
with JAMES "THE BOMBER" CATVARA  
in several real estate matters.  
They sold a medical center.  
They owned that is located  
in the vicinity of 111<sup>th</sup> & Cicero.  
They are building a motel  
in vicinity of 103<sup>rd</sup> & Cicero.



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC CHICAGO [redacted]

DATE: 7/22/66

FROM : SA [redacted]

☒ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: [redacted]

Dates of Contact  
7/18, 19, 20 and 21/66

Titles and File #s on which contacted

✓ JAMES CATUARA, aka; AR	92-1371 (SA [redacted])
SAM BATTAGLIA, aka; AR	92-914 (SA [redacted])
[redacted] aka; AR	92-1373 (SA [redacted])
[redacted] aka; AR	92-2038 (SA [redacted])
[redacted] aka; AR	92-1160 (SA [redacted])
[redacted] aka; AR	92-1360 (SA [redacted])

Purpose and results of contact

☐ NEGATIVE  
☒ POSITIVE  
☐ STATISTIC

[redacted] aka; AR  
SAM GIANCANA, aka; AR  
[redacted] aka; AR  
[redacted] aka; AR  
[redacted] aka; AR  
[redacted] aka; AR  
[redacted] aka; AR

92-1359 (SA [redacted])  
92-349 (SA [redacted])  
92-671 (SA [redacted])  
92-1328 (SA [redacted])  
92-1040 (SA [redacted])  
92-1315 (SA [redacted])  
92-374 (SA [redacted])  
92-1173 (SA [redacted])  
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92-1998 (SA [redacted])

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LA COSA NOSTRA; AR  
CRIMINAL INFLUENCE IN CHICAGO PD; AR  
[redacted] aka; AR

☐ Informant certified that he has  
furnished all information obtained  
by him since last contact.

Rating

Excellent

Coverage

Same

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[redacted] [signature]

[redacted] furnished the following information  
to SA [redacted] on 7/18/66;

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[redacted] in contact with  
GUIDO FIDANZI at the R & B collection office on 7/17/66.

[redacted] JIMMY CATUARA has his own private office at  
R & B Collection Company and that there is also a separate  
room for meetings of the "board of directors."

SAC, SPRINGFIELD

7/28/66

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SAC, CHICAGO (92-1371) (P)

JAMES CATUARA, aka.  
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This subject is a leading figure in South Cook County, Illinois, organized crime. [redacted] advised that the subject's group, represented by attorneys [redacted] of Chicago, have formed the International Road and Construction, Inc., Harvey, Illinois. This company is alleged to be interested in buying the Parro Construction Corporation, Urbana, Illinois. They have been in contact with [redacted]

Springfield is requested to conduct background inquiry on [redacted] if no derogatory information developed, interview her to determine if [redacted] have discussed the subject's hidden interest in this matter.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (92-1371)

DATE: 9/7/66

FROM : SAC, SPRINGFIELD (92-799)

-RUC-

SUBJECT: JAMES CATUARA, aka.  
AR

Enclosed for the Chicago Division are nine copies each of two FD-302s containing the results of interviews with [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated they did not know JAMES CATUARA and both were unaware of his interests in the International Road and Construction Company.

For information of Chicago, DALE PARRO, Founder and majority stockholder of the Parro Construction Company at Urbana, Illinois, died in a light airplane crash on April 5, 1966, in the state of Indiana, at which time, also killed were the manager and one of the supervisors of the Parro Construction Company.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (15-26351)

DATE: 9/9/66

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

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Subject personally contacted by SAs [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] on 9/8/66 and furnished the following information.

He stated that the present crime organization in Chicago is an outgrowth of the Mafia. He estimated that there are about twenty or thirty that have been "made." He said that a person is "made" on the basis of his reputation and has a sponsor. He had never heard of a ceremony of any type incidental to being "made." He advised that there would have been several others "made" if it had not been for the crackdown on the part of the FBI in recent years which has resulted in the organization curtailment activities.

He identified the following as being "made": SAM GIANCANA, who he described as probably the top man in the United States; SAM BATTAGLIA; FELIX ALDERISIO; [REDACTED] JAMES CATUARA; [REDACTED] who would have probably been the top man in the Chicago area if had not associated with so many "bums"; [REDACTED] who was "a thorn in their side"; [REDACTED] either made or very close to it; [REDACTED] who is an important man and runs Melrose Park. He said there are some in the Chicago Heights area that he does not know.

He said the following are not "made": [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

He stated that strongest man close to the organization who is not "made" is GUS ALEX.  
[REDACTED]

92-349	92-415	92-1998	92-745
92-914	92-1160	92-1371	92-1315
92-1328	92-924	92-737	92-1360
92-925	92-1353	92-1358	92-1817
92-373	[REDACTED]		92-1173



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# Memorandum

TO : SAC *Chicago* [redacted]

DATE: *9/9/66*

FROM : SA [redacted]

☒ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

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SUBJECT: [redacted]

Dates of Contact

*9/9/66*

Titles and File #s on which contacted

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Purpose and results of contact

- ☐ NEGATIVE  
☒ POSITIVE  
☐ STATISTIC

*See attached*

☐ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

Rating

*Excellent*

Coverage

*Same*

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC

CHICAGO

DATE: 9/20/66

FROM : SA

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SUBJECT:

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Dates of Contact		
9/12 and 14/66		
Titles and File #s on which contacted		
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JAMES CATUARA, aka; AR	92-1371	
<input type="checkbox"/> aka; AR	92-1160	
Purpose and results of contact		
<input type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE		
<input type="checkbox"/> STATISTIC		
<p>The CTE furnished information which is being set forth in the attached memorandum.</p> <p>Extreme care should be utilized in using any of the information contained in the attached memorandum in order to protect the source who is in a most sensitive position.</p> <p>7/2 not used</p>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating <b>EXCELLENT</b>	Coverage <b>SAME</b>

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JAMES CATUARA

[redacted] furnished the following information  
to SA [redacted] on September 14, 1966:

The CTE advised that the "Chicago American" newspaper issue of that night reflected that Postal Inspectors had arrested in San Francisco HARRY A. JAEGER, LEWIS C. BILLINGSLEY and Mrs. EDITH E. FRIEND on an investor fraud scheme. The article reflected that Postal Inspectors were seeking JOHN R. BRIDSELL of Peoria, Illinois.

[redacted]

(Newspapers on the morning of September 15, 1966, reflected that BIRDSELL had also been apprehended by Postal Inspectors).



## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE <b>CHICAGO</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>CHICAGO</b>	DATE <b>9/30/66</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>6/6 - 9/16/66</b>
TITLE OF CASE <b>JAMES CATUARA, aka</b>		REPORT MADE BY [Redacted]	TYPED BY <b>bal</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>AR</b>	

REFERENCE: Report of SA [Redacted] dated 6/6/66,  
at Chicago.

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ENCLOSURES

TO BUREAU

Two (2) copies of letterhead memorandum reflecting  
characterization of informants.

LEADSTO OTHER FIELD DIVISIONS

Will be set forth under separate communication  
as they develop.

Case has been: Pending over one year ☒ Yes ☐ No; Pending prosecution over six months ☐ Yes ☒ No

APPROVED

SPECIAL AGENT  
IN CHARGE

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AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. Will continue to investigate and report subject's activities.

INFORMANTS

<u>Source</u>	<u>Date Contacted</u>	<u>Contacting Agent</u>
	6/21/66	SA
	7/7/66	SA
	6/20/66	SA
	9/21/66	SA SA
	9/9/66	SA
	7/14/66	SA
	9/9/66	SA

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATIONCopy to: **1 - USA, Chicago**Report of: SA   
Date: **9/30/66**Office: **CHICAGO**

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Field Office File #: **92-1371**Bureau File #: **92-6931**

Title:

**JAMES CATUARA**Character: **ANTI-RACKETEERING**

Synopsis: Subject continues to reside at 10309 South Laramie, Oak Lawn, Illinois. Reported to be building new residence on Kilpatrick Street, Oak Lawn. Subject and other Chicago area hoodlums fighting to obtain control of organized rackets South Cook County. Subject's associates attempting to take over large construction companies involved in federal road building projects. Subject also involved with ambulance service, that is attempting to obtain VA contract.

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DETAILS:

[redacted] Oak Lawn, Illinois Police Department, advised on July 27, 1966, and August 16, 1966, that subject continues to reside at 10309 South Laramie Avenue, Oak Lawn. They advised that other officers of the department make frequent spot checks at the residence, and have obtained no other information of value regarding the subject's criminal activities.

[redacted] on June 21, 1966, advised that the subject is building a new home in the immediate vicinity of 103rd and Kilpatrick. He had sold his previous home on Laramie, but the buyer has "backed out" and the house is still on the market. Informant advised that the subject's associate

[redacted]  
[redacted] is on the payroll of FRANK "SKID" CARUSO and the subject's.

[redacted] advised on July 7, 1966, that the International Road and Construction, Inc., Harvey, Illinois, appears to be the pilot corporation to be used by the syndicate to enter the Federal Highway Paving Program. This company's only asset is an option on a parcel of land to be used for the interchange of the new federal funded highway running southwest from the Dan Ryan in Chicago to Joliet, Illinois. This exchange is located in the Tinky Park, Illinois area. The corporation is attempting to pledge this option with CIT as collateral for a loan to be used as a downpayment to purchase the assets or possibly the capital stock of the Parro Construction Company, Urbana, Illinois.

[redacted] and other associates of JIMMY "THE BOMBER" CATUARA have made contact [redacted]

[redacted] Informant stated that the Parro Construction Company is a fine old road contractor which has paved many roads in Illinois and Indiana. The main principals in this new organization appear to be [redacted]

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The informant stated it appears that this acquisition is being made with FRANK LA PORTE's okay inasmuch as LA PORTE has a ready mix company in Joliet known as the Newkirk Concrete Company, and this would be very advantageous to the outfit.

[redacted] is presently mixed up with GUIDO FIDANZI who is a confidence game operator for CATUARA. They operate from the R & B Collection Agency in Chicago Heights.

Informant advised he has also learned that the total assets of the Parro Company is listed at approximately \$2,000,000, and that they do an annual sales business of \$43,000,000 with a net profit of over \$100,000. Their auditors are

[redacted] Certified Public Accountants, Terre Haute, Indiana.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date August 22, 1986

[redacted]  
Illinois, was interviewed and furnished the following information:

[redacted]

[redacted] stated that the International Road and Construction Inc., is a corporation unknown to her and further stated that she feels that this might have been the name of the corporation which was interested in buying the Parro Construction Company. She further stated that a discreet inquiry was made [redacted]

[redacted] she stated no one seems to have ever heard of the company and she stated further that with this information in mind, regardless of whether or not they had made a substantial offer as far as price is concerned for the company. [redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

On 8/12/86 at [redacted] Illinois File # SI 92-799

by SA [redacted] : sjs Date dictated 8/18/86

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[redacted] are unknown to her and also advised that the name JAMES CATURARA is also unknown to her and advised that she was not aware of his interest in this matter of attempting to purchase her company.

[redacted] said that this was all the information she could recall as concerns the company trying to buy the Parro Construction Company and suggested that [redacted] be contacted insofar as she believes he will be of greater help in furnishing information concerning the purposed transaction.

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Date September 7, 1966

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[redacted]  
[redacted] was interviewed and advised  
as follows:

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On 9/30/66 at [redacted] Illinois File # SI 92-790by SA [redacted] LJI Date dictated 9/4/66

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[redacted] stated that at the present time as the affairs of the corporation stand, the equipment and outstanding contracts will be eventually sold; however, he doubts whether or not it will be sold to [redacted] and the corporation formed by them, but stated that as of this point in the negotiations, the corporation represented by [redacted] have been the only ones to tender a legitimate or at least partially definite offer to purchase the corporation in its entirety.

[redacted] stated that as he recalls, the name of the corporation formed by [redacted] was the International Road and Construction, Incorporated, based in Harvey, Illinois, and stated that the only names connected with this corporation that he is aware of is [redacted] and advised that the name JAMES CATUARA is completely unknown to him.

[redacted] stated that he could furnish no additional information concerning the International Road and Construction Incorporated or the principals at this time.

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[redacted] advised on July 7, 1966, that [redacted] attempting to gain control of the Scully-Walton Ambulance Service, Chicago, Illinois. Again their silent partner is JIMMY "THE BOMBER" CATUARA. Informant advised that this appears to be CATUARA's way to take and get a good foothold into the federal government's medicare gravy train. Informant stated that Scully-Walton also does a big oxygen therapy business. They appear to be associated with some hoodlum interest or many from Detroit, Michigan. According to the informant, [redacted] is working with an individual in Detroit whose name informant has been unable to obtain.

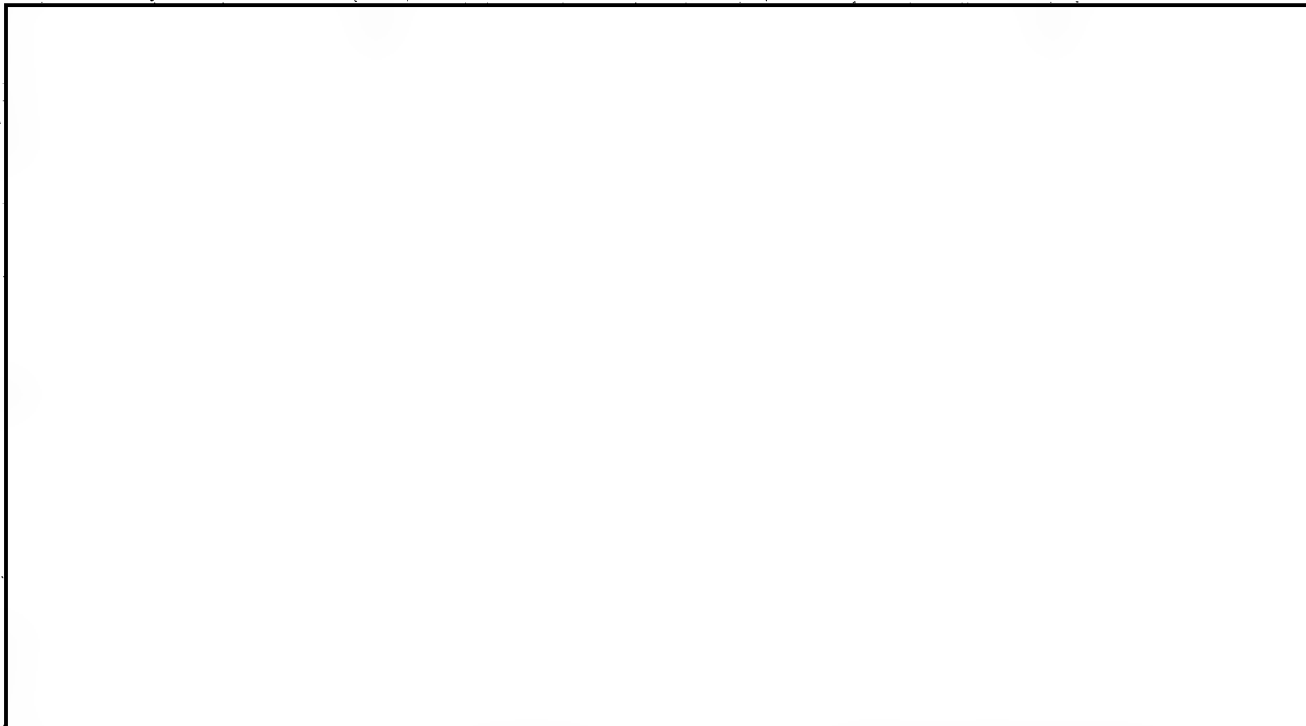
[redacted] advised on June 20, 1966, that he had recently learned that the Veterans Administration Hospital, Hines, Illinois, plans to award a contract for ambulance service to Scully-Walton Service. Informant stated that this company is allegedly [redacted]

[redacted] the R & B Collection Company, Chicago Heights, Illinois. Informant stated FIDANZI is a lieutenant of CATUARA. Informant stated that this company has been taken over by FIDANZI [redacted] who is known to be closely associated with CATUARA, PHIL ALDERISIO and other Chicago hoodlums. They have [redacted]

respectability to the company. On the same date, [redacted] Veterans Administration Hospital, Hines, Illinois, confirmed that the Veterans Administration plans to award their ambulance contract to the Scully-Walton Company. He stated that [redacted] admitted to the Veterans Administration that [redacted] stated that he intended to make additional inquiry before the actual awarding of the contract.

[redacted] advised on September 9 and 21, 1966, that JIMMY "THE BOMBER" CATUARA is becoming a bigger man in South Cook County organized crime. The former leader FRANK LA PORTE is an alcoholic and is losing control of his "empire". The cause of lack of leadership is the South Cook County area is "up for grabs" and many hoodlums are attempting to control the remaining rackets in order to keep their people on the payroll.

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[redacted] advised on July 14, 1966, that JIMMY CATUARA appears to be taking over Chicago Heights, and is ignoring the fact that FRANK LA PORTE previously was strong man in the area. He indicated that he has been in contact with numerous prostitutes who indicate that all prostitutes are being organized and must pay certain fees in order to operate.

[redacted] advised on September 9, 1966, that he has

[redacted]  
[redacted] He made the following observations regarding the general crime picture:

He stated the present crime organization in the Chicago area is a direct outgrowth of the Mafia. He estimated that there are approximately 20 or 30 individuals that have been "made". He said that a person is "made" on the basis of his reputation and the one who sponsors him.

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He has never heard of a salary of any type incidental to being "made". He advised that there would have been many more "made" had it not been for the crack down on the part of the FBI in recent years which has resulted in the organization curtailing activities.

He advised the following as being "made":

SAM GIANCANA  
SAM BATTAGLIA  
FELIX ALDERISIO

[REDACTED]  
JAMES CATUARA  
[REDACTED]

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He also advised there are some who have been "made" in Chicago Heights, but he did not know them by name. The informant's opinion that the strongest man close to the organization who has not been "made" is GUS ALEX who is involved in the operations of Chicago Loop gambling.

[REDACTED]



In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
Chicago, Illinois  
September 30, 1966

Title

JAMES CATUARA

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Character

ANTI-RACKETEERING

Reference

is sub to report of Special Agent  
[redacted] dated and  
captioned as above at Chicago.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

Chicago, Illinois  
September 30, 1966

**JAMES CATUARA**  
**ANTI-RACKETEERING**

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Reference is made to report of Special Agent  
[redacted] dated and captioned as above.

**CHARACTERIZATION OF INFORMANTS**

[redacted] is a gambler in the Chicago area.

[redacted]  
[redacted] is an individual who has a close  
knowledge of organized crime on the west side of Chicago.

[redacted] is a gambler who is closely associated  
with the crime element.

[redacted] is a former convict and gambler.

[redacted] is an individual who has some knowledge  
of organized criminal activities in Chicago Heights.

[redacted]  
and has past association with the criminal element.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC (92-1371)

DATE: October 27, 1966

FROM :  CORRELATION CLERK

SUBJECT: JAMES CATUARA, aka  
Vincenzo Catuara,  
James Catura, Jimmy Catura,  
Jimmy Catuara, "The Bomber"  
"The Owl" James Catuaro  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

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This memo contains identical and questionable criminal references. No identical security references were noted.

There are two main files on the subject, Chicago File 92-1371\* and Chicago File 165-460\*.

Correlation memos have been prepared and are in 92-373-63 dated 4-17-58, 165-460-2 dated 3-4-63 and 92-1371-32 dated 3-5-64.

## I. GENERAL CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES

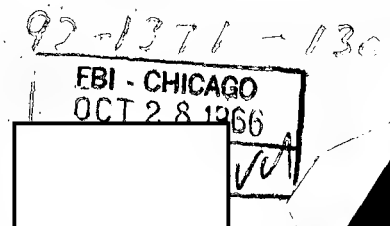
92-373-127 p.14

Rerep SA  9/26/58 at Chicago re "GUS ALEX, ANTI-RACKETEERING: reflecting:

Re - JIMMY CATUARO

The CCC advised the Chicago Police Department on 6/8/55 that GUS ALEX and JIMMY CATUARO, alias "The Owl", ChicagoPD No. C-48136, were operating a crap game at 31st and Panell in a garage building, which was at the rear of 3206 Princeton Street, Chicago. CCC advised that the police investigation on a later date was negative.

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CCC again received information on 7/11/55 that ALEX and C ATUARO continued to operate the crap game in the location above described.

CCC received information on another occasion this time 11/2/55 that the crap game operated by ALEX and CATUARO continued but that it was now located at 232 West 31st Street.

15-17479-Sub 2-10

[redacted] advised this office on 2/21/61 of the following information:

[redacted] "The book joint is wide open - they have sheets on the wall and everything - the heat is off". [redacted] says he is thinking of opening a game across the street in the "big building". He has talked to JIMMY (JAMES "THE BOMBER" CATUARA who controls the gambling on the near southwest section of Chicago and who is a lieutenant of GUS ALEX, a Chicago top hoodlum and he said to go ahead - just make sure the money is there at the end of each month. Unidentified male asks what [redacted] gets for the money and [redacted] replied "Protection".

92-466-1588 p.2

Rememo SA [redacted] 4/19/63 re "Wake of MICHAEL SPRANZE" 4/7,8/63"

[redacted] Intelligence Unit, Chicago Police Department, advised on 4/15/63 that the following prominent hoodlums were observed in attendance at the wake of MICHAEL SPRANZE, a well known CAPONE associate.

Among those listed was JAMES CATURA.

It is not known whether or not this reference is identical to subject of this memo.



92-1602-18 p.6

"Chicago Crime Commission, 79 West Monroe Street, furnished this office with their report dated 1/10/64 as follows re "FRANK PAUL RUSSO, Wake and Funeral 4/9/63 (father-in-law of JACK CERONE)

The Intelligence Division of the Chicago Police Department obtained the license numbers of automobiles present on the occasion of the wake and funeral of the above named individual on 4/9/63.

Persons registered to the license numbers listed have been checked through the records of the Chicago Crime Commission and those identified appear in the order in which their names are set forth on the police list.

Re - JAMES CATUARA, 10309 S. 52nd Avenue, Oak Lawn, Illinois.

In a report of 8/4/61 regarding the [redacted] wedding and reception on 4/27/61 a summary of information concerning JAMES CATUARA, 10309 S. 52nd Avenue, Oak Lawn, is set forth.

92-1173-Sub A-159 p.2

"The New Crusader" 10/12/6 p 3, c 1, reflects article entitled "Cosa Nostra Chicago Membership List revealed by Crusader"

"For the first time that any newspaper in the United States have been able to do so, the Crusader finds it possible this week to make the 50 members of Chicago's Cosa Nostra "family"

"Some of the names on the list have been the subject of frequent authority in connection with underworld operations.

"The Cosa Nostra" membership list included JAMES CATURA

92-920-997 p.2

Rememo. SA [redacted]

3/4/64 reflects as follows:

[Large redacted area]

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[REDACTED]

Informant advised that he is not a member of any  
syndicate family, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] introduced to JIMMY (THE BOMBER)  
CATUARO [REDACTED] His most recent involvement with  
CATUARO involved [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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92-372-532 p.10

Rerep SA [REDACTED] 8/12/64 at Chicago re "JAMES  
ALLEGRETTI, [REDACTED] AR" reflecting:

[REDACTED] of the Organized Crime Division,  
Chicago Police Department, on 2/16/63, furnished the police report  
consisting of persons whose motor vehicles were observed at the  
Kringas and Marzullo Funeral Chapel, 5400 West Harrison Street  
during the wake and funeral of SUSAN KREBS, sister of JAMES ALLEGRETTI.

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These license numbers were observed in November, 1963 by officers of the Organized Crime Division, Chicago Police Department. Inasmuch as these are all 1963 registrations the registration is not being set forth; however, the registered owner and appropriate comments by the Chicago Police are set forth as follows:

Among those listed was JAMES CATUARA, 10309 South 52nd Avenue, Oak Lawn, Illinois.

Old time member of the South Side Cosa Nostra and active gambler.

92-1602-25 p.19

Re Chicago Police Department Intelligence Report dated 6/21/64 re "Marriage of Anthony Ross Accardo and Janet Marie Hawley on 6/10/64 (initialed our file 3/10/65)

Reporting officers observed the following persons of interest to the Intelligence Division that attended the church wedding, the wedding breakfast at the home of ANTHONY ACCARDO or the wedding reception which was held at the Villa Venice, Northbrook, Illinois.

Among those listed was JAMES CATUARA.

The following vehicles were observed in vicinity of Church 6/10/64:

License Number 582-900 listed to JAMES CATUARA, 10309 S. 52nd Avenue, Oak Lawn, Illinois, 1963 Black Olds.

The above named person is well known in Intelligence Division files.

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92-344-1297 p.19

SA [redacted] Chicago Police Department, furnished  
of [redacted] on 7/14/64 with information re "Marriage  
[redacted]"

Reporting officers of the Police Department observed the following persons of interest to the Intelligence Division attended the church wedding, the wedding breakfast at the home of [redacted] or the wedding reception which was held at the Villa Venice, Northbrook, Illinois.

Among those vehicles observed in vicinity was License Number 582-900 listed to JAMES CATUARA, 10309 S. 52nd Avenue, Oak Lawn, Illinois, 1963 black Olds. Vehicles observed in vicinity of church on 6/10/64.

The above subject is well known in the Intelligence Division files.

92-1037-763 p.7

Intelligence Division, Chicago Police Department, furnished this office with report dated 7/10/65 (date initialed our file 7-20-65) re Marriage of [redacted]  
[redacted] Reception held at Villa Venice Country Club.

Reporting officers observed following vehicles observed entering the Villa Venice.

License Number 949-333 for Oldsmobile listed to JAMES CATUARA, 10309 S. 52nd Street, Oaklawn, Illinois.

Intelligence files reflect that this man is a close associate of known syndicate hoodlums. He is known as the "Bomber".

92-920-1159 p.22

Re Chicago Crime Commission Report 7/24/64 re "JOSEPH L. COSTELLO, Wake and funeral 8/7/63"

The Intelligence Division of the Chicago Police Department obtained the license numbers of autos present on the occasion of the wake and funeral of the above named persons on 8/7/63.

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Persons registered to the license numbers listed have been checked through the records of the Chicago Crime Commission and those identified appear in the order in which their names appear on the police list.

Re - JAMES CATUARA

This person was observed at the wake, there being no automobile license number listed as to him.

In a report of 8/4/61 concerning the [redacted] wedding and reception a summary of information concerning JAMES CATUARA was set out.

92-1039-237 p 2

"Chicago Sun Times" 9/29/64 p.3, c.2, reflects article entitled "Two Honky-Tonk Strippers Take Fifth"

"Pleading fear of self-incrimination, two strip-tease dancers refused Monday to testify about their work as B-girls in the 1st Ward honky Tonk, the Crossroads, 400 S. State.

"The dancers were among four witnesses called to testify Monday.

"Others were ROCCO DE STEFANO and JOE FUSCO, both identified in United States Senate rackets committee testimony as members of the Cosa Nostra gang brotherhood.

"FUSCO conceded that he knew CAPONE and another mobster, the late FRANK "THE ENFORCER" NITTI.

"In his testimony FUSCO disclosed himself as the former employer of JIMMY (THE BOMBER) CATUARA, a costra nostra gangster who has acquired control of gambling in southern Cook County.

"FUSCO related that he had hired CATUARA as a liquor truck driver many years ago.

"After the hearing, FUSCO explained that CATUARA went to work for him after being released from prison. CATUARA went off the liquor company payroll when his prison parole expired, FUSCO said.

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26-44535-42 p.3

Rememo SA [ ] 1/19/65 re [ ]  
reflecting:

[ ] was interviewed at the U. S. Marshal's Lockup on 1/12/65. He had been advised of his rights regarding making any statements and to advice of counsel.

92-1438-96 p.2

Rerep SA [ ] 2/26/65 at Chicago re  
"FRANK TONY CARUSO, AR" reflecting:

[ ] Intelligence Unit, Chicago Police Department (requested) contacted on 12/16/64, and 2/8/65 by SA [ ] advised that CARUSO is visited frequently at his residence by JAMES "THE BOMBER" CATURA, during the morning hours.

An agent of the FBI observed CATURA, leave the residence of CARUSO on several occasions during the past six months.

92-1173-383 p.25

Rerep SA [ ] 5/17/65 at Chicago re  
"LA COSA NOSTRA, AR - CONSPIRACY" reflecting:

Potential LCN Members, Chicago

The following individuals have been reported by sources of the Chicago Office to be connected in some way with the organized criminal element in Chicago and/or the Chicago "family".

Insufficient information is available at this time to definite state whether these persons are or are not connected with the LCN. It should be noted that in most instances these people are currently actively engaged in activities which are directly controlled or operated by the Chicago "family".

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92-565-1244 p.11

Chicago Crime Commission furnished this office with memo dated 10/16/64 re "ANGELINA SORTINO (mother of FRANK FERRARA) wake and funeral 11/9/63:

The Intelligence Division of the Chicago Police Department obtained the license numbers of automobiles present on the occasion of the wake and funeral of the above named person on 11/9/63. Persons registered to the license numbers listed have been checked through the records of the Chicago Crime Commission and those identified appear in the order in which their names appear.

Re - JAMES CATUARA, 10309 South 52nd Avenue, Oaklawn, Illinois.

The police report states that this person is one of the south side's old gambling bosses.

In a report 2/9/60 a summary is set forth concerning JAMES CATUARA.

In a police report of 9/26/63 regarding the wake and funeral of MIKE SPRANZE, it is indicated that JAMES CATUARA was observed in attendance on 4/8/63 with other hoodlums. A car registered to him at the Oak Lawn address was also observed.

In a report of 3/23/64 from the Sheriff, information was that JAMES CATUARA had been an original partner in the Ace Bonding Company, Blue Island, [redacted] Information was that while FRANK LA PORTE is semi-active in the syndicate's operations in southern Cook County, CATUARA makes all the decisions and [redacted] carries out such decisions.

CATUARA occupies the same relative position in the Chicago Heights area as [redacted] SAM GUZZINO in Calumet City and [redacted]

In a report of 5/22/64 regarding the wake and funeral of MIKE SPRANZE, a summary of information concerning JAMES CATUARA is set forth.

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Among those listed was JAMES CATUARA, AKA "Jimmy the Bomber".

92-1278-477 p.15

Rerep SA [ ] 8/25/65 at Chicago re "Juice Racket, AR" reflecting:

[ ] contacted by SAS [ ] on 5/11/65 advised that the juice racket in the Chicago area is one of the most lucrative for members of organized crime, and is so large that it now has a clearing house for which there is a telephone number.

Source further stated GUS ALEX controls the juice racket in the loop area and one of his lieutenants is JIMMY THE CAT. He stated JIMMY THE CAT formerly operated the Lorraine Hotel located at Wabash Avenue and Lorraine. Source further stated GUS ALEX controls the area of 31st and Normal, and although FRANK "SKID" CARUSO and JAMES THE BOMBER CATUARA operate in the juice racket, they are under the control of GUS ALEX.

92-466-3073 p.2

[ ] furnished SA [ ] on 10/21/65 with the following information:

On 9/15/65 CI advised that he has been in contact with GUIDO FIDENZI of Chicago Heights. FIDENZI is associated with the RB Collections, 1020 Chicago Road

GUIDO stated that JIMMY CATURA is going to "take over" a red-haired girl about 24 years old, short, 5'4" with a good build. She is divorced and has three children and lives with [ ]

It is not known whether or not this reference is identical to subject of this memo.

26-0-4327 p.1

Information from [ ] Cook County Sheriff's Office, M.I.D. furnished this office to SA [ ] on 3/2/66 reflected as follows re [ ]



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[redacted]  
[redacted] still active with GUIDO FITANZI in the R & B Collection Agency in Chicago Heights which is believed to be headed by JIMMY CATUARA of Oak Lawn in the background. [redacted] is a musclemen for extortion operations of R & B and leads a younger group which includes [redacted] (ph) who drives a [redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted]

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"Chicago Sun Times: 4/26/66 p.30, c.1, reflects article entitled "How Mob Invaded Mortgage Firms"

"Cosa Nostra gangsters used death threats and beatings to take over two mortgage companies in a multimillion-dollar swindle, state officials disclosed Monday.

"The gang terror in the mortgage firms was described by investigators for Illinois Attorney General WILLIAM G. CLARK.

"The crime syndicate's muscle against officers of both companies was attributed by the State investigators to mobsters FELIX ALDERISIO and JAMES (JIMMY THE BOMBER) CATUARA.

92-1173-513 p.16

Rerep SA [redacted] 6/10/66 at Chicago re "LA COSA NOSTRA, AR - CONSPIRACY"

Suspected Members

The following individuals have been reported by sources of the Chicago Office to be connected in some way with the organized criminal element in Chicago and/or the Chicago "family". Insufficient information is available at this time to definitely state whether these persons are or are not connected with the LCN. It should be noted that in most instances, these people are currently engaged in activities which are directly controlled or operated by the Chicago "family" of the LCN.

CG 92-1371

Among those listed was JAMES CATUARA, aka "The Bomber".

92-466-3366 p.3

[redacted] confidentially furnished SA [redacted]  
[redacted] on 7/1/66 with cases in Inventory as of 2/26/65:

Included among the names was:

NAME OF TAXPAYER

DATE ASSIGNED

JAMES CATURA  
Bookmaker and gambler

5-19-64

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147-113-53 p.2

Reairtel to Director from Chicago 7/15/66 re "UNSUB"  
Bombing of Automobile Owned by [redacted]  
Transportation Services and Allied Workers Union, SEafarers  
International Union (AFL-CIO) 6/27/66, Bombing Matters"

Enclosed for Bureau are copies of self-explanatory  
letterhead memo dated 7/15/66 and captioned as above:

Letterhead memo as follows:

On 7/7/66, [redacted] Chicago Police Department,  
Intelligence Unit, Labor Section, advised that an anonymous male  
telephonically advised the Chicago Police Department that  
JAMES CATUARA, aka "The Owl and "The Bomber", FBI NO. D-82589,  
and who lives at 10309 South 52nd Avenue or 10309 South Laramie,  
Oak Lawn, Illinois, and [redacted] are  
[redacted] are  
the bombers in this case.

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On 7/14/66 [redacted] advised that investigation  
to date has not been able to link CATUARA or [redacted] with the  
bombing, and he has no other suspects [redacted] pointed out  
that this is the only phase of the bombing being conducted by the  
Intelligence Unit.

CG 92-1371

The following file was unavailable for review:

174-12-55

35-42  
Del. State Prison  
Jail

corr

3-5-64

TO: CHIEF CLERK

Date

10-20-66

Subject

JAMES CATUARA

aka Vincenzo Catuara

Aliases

"The Bomber" James Catuara, Jimmy Catuara

Address

10309 S. Laramie, Oak Lawn, Ill. 60451

Birth Date

9-26-05

Birthplace

S. Angelo, Italy

Race

Sex

☐ Male  
☐ Female

☐ Exact Spelling

☐ Main Criminal Case Files Only

☐ Restrict to Locality of

☐ All References

☐ Criminal References Only

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Bus: 2900 Waller & Home (54)  
St. Louis - Groovy Store  
Bellevue 9 Sam Catuara

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10CATUARA "The Bomber"

69 James Catuara

I 174-113-53 pr 7/66 ✓ 10309 S. 52nd Ave

on 10309 S. Laramie

7B 2/11/82 282119

Oak Lawn

I 92-1039-237 pr 1/64 ✓

James Catuara

I 92-1371 \*

B. 9-26-05 Italy

main file

I 165-460 \* ✓ N/A Main File 10309 S. 52nd Ave

corr. memo Ser. 92-373-63 4-11-58

Oak Park, Ill

Ser 165-460-2 (3-4-63)

Ser 92-1371-32 (3-5-64)

I 174-113-53 pr 7/66 ✓

I 92-1173-513 pr 6/66 ✓

I 92-415-989 5/66 ✓

I 92-1278-477 pr 10/65 ✓

I 92-1037-763 pr 8/65 ✓

1174-12-50 Not in parking or closed

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Assigned:

[Redacted]

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12/11/66

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TO: CHIEF CLERK

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*Jamez Catuara*

*92-1173-383 p 25*

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*92-1371-68*

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*in main file*

*92-1602-25 p 19*

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*92-1602-25 p 19*

*7/65*

*92-565-1244 p 11*

*7/65*

*10309 S. 52nd St*

*92-920-1159 p 22*

*12/64*

*Oaklawn, Ok*

*92-344-1297 p 19*

*9/64*

*92-1602-18 p 6*

*3/64*

*92-372-532 p 10*

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*92-344-1297 p 19*

*9/64*

*92-1173-163 p 4*

*7/64*

*See 92-1371-32 p 9*

*92-373-1710 p 13*

*7/63*

*See 92-1371-32 p 7*

*92-1173-804A-159 p 2*

*7/63*

*Cat 1 Extra office*

*92-920-907 p 41*

*7/63*

*See 92-1371-32*

*92-1173-804A-3 p 3*

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92-565-297 p1	6/61 see	165-460-2 p9	
98-64-17	W/m 3/63	92-373-63 (4-17-58)	
JAMES "The Bomber" CATUARA			
92-350-Sub D-393	8/61	C-1 Supp off	
15-17479 Sub 2-10	4/61	incorrect file	
JENNIE CATUARA			
92-1602-11	a g	Constance Catuara nee Brondi	
	deceased -		
Jimmie Catuara	4/65		
92-350-Sub 1-114 p1, 2	✓	C-1 Supp off	
92-1371-129 p12	10/66	on main file	
92-350-Sub 1-121 p7	1/65	C-1 Supp off	
92-350-Sub 1-103 p9	✓	"	
-104 p3	✓	"	
Jimmie Catuara			
92-350-Sub 1-93 p6, 7	✓ 7/65	"	

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92-350-Sub A-3a-p 3, 7

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*92-920-30 p11*  
*SYNOPSIS "THE BOMBER" CATEANO ✓*  
*92-920-997 p7 3/64*  
*92-694-55 1/60 ✓ See 92-1371-32 p3*  
*92-333-127 p14 10/58 ✓ many*  
*James Caturra*  
*92-1371x B. 9-26-05*  
*165-460x*  
*92-350-SubD-162 p3 ✓ 92-1 C-1 Supr. office*  
*"The Bomber" Caturra*  
*92-1438-96 p7 3/65 ✓ aka James Caturra*  
*James Caturra*  
*92-1371x New file*  
*165-460x New file*  
*92-466-3366 p3 8/66 ✓ Bombardier & gambler*  
*92-1438-96 p7 3/65 ✓*  
*92-466-1588 p2 7/63 ✓ No ident data*

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO [REDACTED]

DATE: 10/11/66

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

☒ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

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Dates of Contact

9/30/66

Titles and File #s on which contacted

[REDACTED]	aka, AR	92-745
[REDACTED]	aka, AR	92-1520
SAM BATTAGLIA, aka, AR		92-914
JAMES CATUARA, aka, AR		92-1371
FRANK LA PORTE, aka, AR		92-920
PHIL ALDERISIO, aka, AR		92-415

Purpose and results of contact

ITAR

166-334

- ☐ NEGATIVE  
☒ POSITIVE  
☐ STATISTIC

The CI furnished information which is being set out in the attached memorandum.

☐ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

Rating

Very Good

Coverage

Same

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CG 92-415  
CG 92-914  
CG 92-1371  
CG 92-920

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[redacted] on 9/30/66, furnished the following information to SA [redacted]

The CI stated that ANTHONY SPILOTRO is now handling [redacted] The CI said SPILOTRO is closely associated with [redacted] and PHIL ALDERISIO.

The CI said SPILOTRO is very "cocky" and bragged about pulling scores for the "outfit". The CI said SPILOTRO said he was one of the individuals who robbed [redacted] in Florida.

The CI stated that SAM "TEETS" BATTAGLIA reportedly had killed 22 or 24 people in his lifetime.

The CI advised that JAMES CATUARRA has been reportedly moving in on FRANK LA PORTE's territory on the far south side.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : SAC , CHICAGO [REDACTED]

DATE: 10/4/66

FROM : SA [REDACTED]  
SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

☒ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)  
☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R  
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Dates of Contact		
9/9, 21/66		
Titles and File #s on which contacted		
FRANK LA PORTE, AR	92-920	[REDACTED]
JAMES CATUARA, AR	92-1371	
[REDACTED] AR	92-1835	
[REDACTED] AR	92-1947	
RALPH EMERY, AR	92-2013	
[REDACTED] AR	92-1160	
Purpose and results of contact		
<input type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE <input type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> STATISTIC		
Informant will not testify to any information furnished.  (See Attached)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating  Excellent	Coverage  Same

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FBI - CHICAGO	

*[Handwritten signature]*

CG [redacted]

Informant stated that he is positive that the killing of CLARENCE FORREST, who is connected with the Eagles A-Go-Go was done by [redacted]

[redacted] Informant advised that immediately after the killing of PRATICO, [redacted] contacted numerous hoodlum associates wanting to know the reason for the [redacted] killing and indicated that he would have to leave town because they were probably after him. Informant stated that he is also positive that the killing of [redacted] was authorized by the outfit and that the authorization came from an individual higher in organized crime than JIMMY CATUARA. He stated that it was his personal opinion that the killing was authorized by MILWAUKEE PHIL ALDERISIO. It was done without the knowledge of FRANK LA PORTE because he is positive that LA PORTE would have tried to interfere. The reason for the killing is a result of a gang war that is involving South Cook County. The LA PORTE group felt that FORREST was an informer for the FBI and when [redacted] discovered that he was keeping notes on the activities at the Eagles A-Go-Go, he gained permission from LA PORTE or other unknown leaders, to have FORREST murdered. Due to the "crack-down" by the Federal Government as well as local officials, the rackets in South Cook County have been severely curtailed and it is hard to keep bookies and other hoodlums on the payroll. LA PORTE, because of his age and personal problems, has become an alcoholic and no longer is able to exert sufficient discipline over the area to keep down dissension and revolt. As a result, [redacted] and other groups are moving to the territory formerly controlled by LA PORTE and fighting for whatever money remains to be made.

Informant stated he knows that there are at least seven different individuals who had money in the Eagles A-Go-Go and have had for many years. The building was originally built by this group of seven hoodlums in the expectation that it would replace the casino type gambling at the Owl Club in Calumet City. When this failed to materialize, they continued to maintain interest in the club but it was a losing proposition. Informant said that LA PORTE, JIM CATUARA, [redacted] were some of the individuals who had money in the club. Informant advised that the greatest worry of the outfit today is the attempted penetration of the

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outfit by the Federal Government. He stated that it is certain death for any of the outfit people to be contacted by the "G" or "Good Cop" and not report it to your leader. If this happens and another member of the outfit sees the meeting, the individual will be called in under a pretext and if he fails to admit that he was talking to an officer, a contract is immediately issued for his death.

CG [REDACTED]

Informant stated that it is his opinion as well as other members of the outfit that [REDACTED] informer for the government. He bases this opinion on the fact that [REDACTED] is by far the most active car thief in Cook County area. He stated that the government has arrested at least 15 car thieves who consistently have done business with [REDACTED] however, [REDACTED] never gets arrested even though he is directly involved in many of the thefts. It is the informant's opinion that the only reason [REDACTED] has remained alive this long is the fact that [REDACTED] doesn't believe the stories and that he is able to give him protection from the other hoodlums. He stated that [REDACTED] is a close associate and confidant of [REDACTED] and is respected among the hoodlum element. Informant stated that he has never personally heard the words La Cosa Nostra used by any of the Italian leaders that control organized crime in the Chicago area.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Italians discuss the outfit and referred to certain individuals as "made men". [REDACTED] the various leaders that there are approximately 100 made men in the Chicago area. No

[REDACTED]

CG [redacted]

He advised that [redacted] of Blue Island is not "made" but that he was completely controlled by the outfit. As a result of the recent gang fighting in southern Cook County, [redacted] has pulled completely out of Blue Island politics and gambling. [redacted]

[redacted] are now operating in Las Vegas, Nevada, and intend to put up a stock car racing track as well as a dog track. [redacted] decided to leave the area when he discovered that [redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

that CATUARA and one of his "muscle men" are going to take a trip to Florida in the near future and get part of [redacted] money. He feels that trouble can result from this inasmuch as [redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted] and is of the opinion that his group is run completely different from the Chicago hoodlums. [redacted] allows all his men to carry guns and there is frequent fights and shootings in various joints that they frequent. Both the Illinois State Police and the Missouri State Police pick the hoods up but do not prosecute and merely take them home. He described the St. Louis group as a bunch still playing cowboys and Indians. The group is much stronger in that area because they can continue to offer protection which the Chicago group cannot do.



## UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

## Memorandum

TO : SAC

CHICAGO

DATE: 10/19/66

FROM : SA

☒ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT:

## Dates of Contact

10/7/66; 10/13/66

## Titles and File #s on which contacted

[redacted] aka., AR	92-1328
[redacted] aka., AR	92-1364
[redacted] aka., AR	92-1160 (SA
[redacted] aka., AR	92-1360 (SA
JAMES CATUARA. aka., AR	92-1371 (SA
[redacted] aka., AR	92-1315
[redacted] aka., AR	92-1998 (SA
[redacted] aka., AR	92-1928 (SA
[redacted] aka., ITMI	165-462 (SA
[redacted] aka., AR	92-2010 (SA

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☐ NEGATIVE  
☒ POSITIVE  
☐ STATISTIC

The CTE furnished information which is being set out in the attached memorandum.

Extreme care should be utilized in using any of the information contained in this memorandum in order to protect the source who is in a most sensitive position.

☐ Informant certified that he has /furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

Rating

Excellent

Coverage

Same

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: SAC, CHICAGO [REDACTED]

DATE: 10-27-66

FROM: SA [REDACTED] and SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

Dates of contact: 9/13, 23; 10/5, 19/66.

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The informant stated that there is no doubt but that the Chicago organization is controlled by TONY ACCARDO and PAUL RICCA. He said that others such as GIANCANA and BATTAGLIA are powerful but when it comes to final matters of policy it is RICCA and ACCARDO who make the final decisions.

The informant said that he has never heard of any type of ceremony incidental to being "made" such as burning of saints cards or letting of blood. He said that he considered this to be an old custom which was used many years ago in the old country.

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[REDACTED]

Informant stated that FRANK LA PORTE, who has been a long-time power in the Chicago Heights area, has recently become involved in West Coast matters, which is taking most of his time. The Chicago Heights territory has been taken over by JIM CATUARA. He said that the Grand Avenue area is run by [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] who is an old-timer.

[REDACTED]

CG [REDACTED]

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Informant stated that FRANK FERRARO (deceased) was destined to probably take over the Chicago organization. In this respect he said that [REDACTED] has a bad heart condition and that [REDACTED] to replace GAGLIANO in the event of his death.

Concerning contacts outside of Chicago, he said that [REDACTED] is "made" and [REDACTED] who is also "made."

Note - LCN Membership Cards

1. [REDACTED]
2. [REDACTED]

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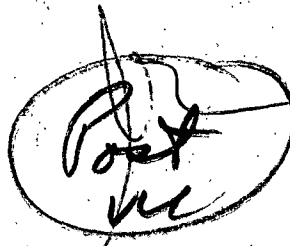
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SAC, CHICAGO (92-1371)

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JAMES CATUARA, aka  
AR

The subject is alleged to have recently chartered a corporation known as INTERNATIONAL ROAD & CONSTRUCTION, INC. Harvey, Illinois. Informants state this is a pilot corporation for the outfit to enter the Federal Highway Paving Program.

Springfield is requested to contact established sources in the State Capitol and obtain all pertinent information regarding the above corporation.



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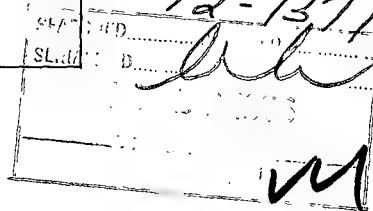
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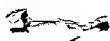
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Purpose and results of contact					
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INFORMANT WILL NOT TESTIFY TO INFORMATION FURNISHED.					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.		Rating		Coverage	
		very good		Same	
				92-1371-137	

cc: 92-1371





Informant advised that the general rumor in the Gary and Hammond, Ind. area is that the "Chicago Bunch" is running the gambling in Lake County, Ind. even though local people control the actual games. The ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ politicians and gamblers are very concerned with the "G" activity in the area and are having a hard time getting dealers for their games because of the recent cases involving gamblers from Ind. They feel that they still control the local officials but never know when the "G" is going to raid.



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC [REDACTED]

DATE:

11/28/66

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

☒ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

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Dates of Contact <b>11-5/28-66</b>		
Titles and File #s on which contacted <b>JAMES CATUARA, Ar</b>		<b>92-1371</b>
SA [REDACTED]		
Purpose and results of contact		
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INFORMANT WILL NOT TESTIFY TO INFORMATION FURNISHED.		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating <b>Very Good</b>	Coverage <b>Same</b>

cc: 92-1371

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Informant advised that he recently heard that GUIDO FIDANZI of the R&B Collection Agency 1020 Chicago Road, Chicago Heights, Ill. is in serious trouble with JAMES CATUARA and is being pushed out of all control of the operation.

Informant advised that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] JAMES CATUARA (11-1-66) and told not to allow FIDANZI to charge gasoline on the R & B Credit Card.

Source stated that the general rumor in the Cg. Hgts. area is that LA PORTE and his people are out and that the big man is CATUARA.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: SAC, CHICAGO [REDACTED]

DATE: Dec. 6, 1966

FROM: SA [REDACTED]  
SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

Attached reflects results of contact with captioned informant on 11/17/66.

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1 - [REDACTED]  
1 - 92-349  
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CG [REDACTED]

B. Penetration of LCN

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Informant was contacted on 11/17/66 and furnished the following information:

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CG [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Informant advised that FRANK LA PORTE is going to take over [REDACTED] interests in California. He added that JAMES CATURA is active in the Chicago Heights area and that [REDACTED] can go to work for CATURA in the Chicago Heights area any time that he wants to.

The following is miscellaneous information furnished by the informant:

SAM GIANCANA and [REDACTED] own part of the Peter Epstein Pontiac Company. The unions are leasing cars from the Epstein Company and the Epstein Company will continue to get more and more union business. Informant said that he could not prove it, however, from things that he has heard [REDACTED] [REDACTED] has a financial interest in the Mars Oldsmobile Company.

[REDACTED]



## CHICAGO CRIME COMMISSION

79 West Monroe Street

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60603

APPROVED BY THE CHICAGO ASSOCIATION OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

December 5, 1966

MEMORANDUM

Re: James Catuara alias  
"The Owl"  
Summary

Previous summaries of information regarding the above named appear in the files and dates mentioned:

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60-294-9 — 5/22/64 pg. 4  
60-198-12 — 10/16/64 pg. 11

In a police report of November 22, 1963, wake and funeral of SUSAN KREBES, a car registered to JAMES CATUARA, 10309 South 52nd Avenue, Oak Lawn, was observed.

In a Sun-Times clip of February 20, 1964 it was stated that JAMES CATUARA and GUS RUBINO backed/gang of robbers allegedly led by a Chicago policeman DONALD SOMERVILLE, for 10% of the take. This sum allegedly went to the gang for giving information about retail stores where armored money cars made delivery and which could be stuck-up.

In a Sun-Times clip of February 21, 1964 it is stated that burglary and robbery gang members owed loan sharks working for CATUARA.

In a Tribune clip of February 9, 1966 the Illinois Liquor Control Commission investigated the operation of B-girl joint network in the southwest of Cook County reportedly functioning under the control of FRANK LaPORTE. JAMES CATUARA was supposed to have become vice overseer in LaPorte's territory.

In a Sun-Times clip of March 17, 1966 it is stated that/gang faction led by JAMES CATUARA and FIORE BUCCIERI is grabbing the vice and gambling dens formerly operated by "BABE" TUFFANELLI and FRANK LA PORTE in the southern part of Cook County.

In a Tribune clip of March 25, 1966 CARL CATUARA, 38 years, 10313 South 52nd Avenue, Oak Lawn, son of JAMES CATUARA, is supervisor of the Driver's License Division in the Secretary of State's office. He was associated with a mob controlled bail bond company in the Chicago Heights area before going with the Secretary of State's office in November, 1964.

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Re: James Catuara

In a Sun-Times clip of April 26, 1966 it is stated that crime syndicate's muscle against officers of 2 mortgage companies was attributed to FELIX ALDERISIO and JAMES CATUARA who allegedly took over the 2 firms.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC **CHICAGO** [redacted]

DATE: **12/19/66**

FROM : SA [redacted]

☒ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: [redacted]

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Dates of Contact <b>12/7</b>		
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>JAMES CATUARA; AR</b>	<b>92-1371</b>	
<b>FRANK LA PORTE; AR</b>	<b>92-920</b>	
[redacted] <b>AR</b>	<b>92-1160 (SA [redacted])</b>	
<b>CRIMINAL INFLUENCE IN LOCAL AND FEDERAL JUDICIARY</b>		
<b>B92-315 Sub 14</b>		
Purpose and results of contact		
<input type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE <input type="checkbox"/> STATISTIC	<b>AL PILOTTO; AR</b>	<b>(SA [redacted])</b> <b>92-1733 (SA [redacted])</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating <b>Excellent</b>	Coverage <b>Same</b>
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1 c c **92-1733**

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Informant advised on 12/7/66 that JAMES "The Bomber" CATUARA continues to be closely associated with AL PILOTTO and that FRANK LA PORTE is having less and less to do with these individuals in Southern Cook County. LA PORTE is absent from this area. He mentioned that CATUARA and PILOTTO had been members of the old 42 Gang that originated on the west side of Chicago and had been in operation some 20 - 25 years ago.

He related that in connection with certain decisions that had to be made, CATUARA would often remark that he would have to get clearance for the decision to be made. It was the informant's belief that CATUARA went to Cicero, Illinois, and contacted [redacted]. Informant stated that CATUARA continues to expand his legitimate business operations and recently became a partner in the Emporium Furniture Company at Bloom Township Shopping Center in Chicago Heights. His partner in this venture is GUIDO FIDANZI, however, the store is managed by an unknown legitimate front man.

Gambling in Chicago Heights continues to be

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (92-1371)

DATE: January 11, 1967

FROM : SAC, THOMAS W. PARRISH

SUBJECT: JAMES CATUARA  
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On December 28, 1966, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated that he had no knowledge of any organization of criminals and specifically stated that [REDACTED] had never spoken of a Mafia or LCN. He stated that in his opinion, the entire situation is a result of the attempt to sensationalize all events. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (92-1371)

DATE: 1/18/67

FROM : SAC, SPRINGFIELD (92-799) - RUC -

SUBJECT: JAMES CATUARA, aka  
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Reurlet to Springfield dated 11/28/66.

The following investigation was conducted by IC

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Clerk, Corporation Section,  
Secretary of State, Springfield, Illinois, advised on  
January 9, 1967, that a check of records failed to  
reflect any record for International Road and Construction,  
Inc.

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TO :

SAC [redacted]

DATE: 1/4/67

FROM :

SA [redacted]

SUBJECT:

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Dates of Contact 1/4/67

Titles and File #s on which contacted

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☐ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

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TO : SAC

CHICAGO

DATE: **January 31, 1967**

FROM : SA

☒ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT:

Dates of Contact

**January 18, 1967**

Titles and File #s on which contacted

**JAMES CATUARA**

**AR**

**92-1371**

[Redacted]

**ITAR-GAMBLING**

**166-New**

[Redacted]

Purpose and results of contact

☐ NEGATIVE

☒ POSITIVE

☐ STATISTIC

**See attached.  
Informant will not testify to any information  
furnished.**

☒ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

Rating

**Excellent**

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TO : SAC

CHICAGO

DATE: **January 31, 1967**

FROM : SA

☒ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT:

Dates of Contact		
<b>January 10 and 25, 1967</b>		
Titles and File #s on which contacted		
<div>[Redacted]</div> <b>JAMES CATUARA</b>	<b>ITAR AR</b>	<b>165-322 92-1371</b>
Purpose and results of contact		
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<b>See attached.</b>		
<b>Informant will not testify to any information furnished.</b>		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating <b>Very Good</b>	Coverage <b>Same</b>
<b>TWP:gas (3)</b>		

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TO : SAC

**CHICAGO**DATE: **January 31, 1967**

FROM : SA

☒ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT:

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Dates of Contact

**January 17, 1967**

Titles and File #s on which contacted

**FRANK LA PORTE****AR****92-920****JAMES CATUARA****AR****✓92-1371**

Purpose and results of contact

☐ **NEGATIVE**☒ **POSITIVE**☐ **STATISTIC****See attached.****Informant will not testify to any information furnished.**

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☒ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

Rating

**Excellent**

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CG [redacted]

On January 17, 1967, informant advised that most of the criminal operation in south Cook County is now being controlled by JIMMY "THE BOMBER" CATUARA. He has several groups working for him and the latest one appears to be an individual named [redacted]

[redacted] These individuals are obtaining stolen credit cards and cashing them all over southern Cook County. He does not know the percentage that "THE BOMBER" is getting but knows that they are operating with his permission.

Informant advised that [redacted] the Athen Cafe on Halsted Street in Chicago and observed GUIDO FIDANZI, JIMMY CATUARA [redacted] (LNU) [redacted] having a dinner party. When they left it appeared that FIDANZI picked up the check for the entire group. He was not able to determine where they went from this location.

Informant advised that [redacted] are now handling stag film which appears to be of very poor quality; however, they are selling a considerable amount of it to unknown individuals.

CATUARA has recently become a partner with [redacted] (ph) of South Holland, Illinois, a company that sells pizza ovens and meats to the Chicago area. He does not recall the name of the company. Informant stated that MILWAUKEE PHIL ALDERISIO recently called in [redacted] and CATUARA. According to [redacted] ALDERISIO threatened to kill him if he could get the okay from an unknown source. [redacted] stated that the trouble started because he owed ALDERISIO \$15,000 and has been repaying him at \$300 a week. [redacted] indicated that CATUARA appeared scared and said nothing in defense of [redacted]

Informant advised that CATUARA [redacted] are getting ready to move [redacted]

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE <b>CHICAGO</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>CHICAGO</b>	DATE <b>2/1/67</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>10/1/66 - 1/30/67</b>
TITLE OF CASE <b>JAMES CATUARA, aka</b>		REPORT <b>SA</b>	TYPED BY <b>DLK</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>AR</b>	

REFERENCE: Report of SA [redacted] dated 9/30/66, at Chicago.

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Two copies of a letterhead memorandum reflecting characterization of informants utilized in this report.

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Case has been: Pending over one year ☒ Yes ☐ No; Pending prosecution over six months ☐ Yes ☒ No

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AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. Will continue to investigate  
report of subject's activities in the organized crime field.

INFORMANTS

<u>Informant</u>	<u>Date of Contact</u>	<u>Contacting Agent</u>
[REDACTED]		SA [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	9/30/66	SA [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	11/23/66	SA [REDACTED]

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATIONCopy to: **1-USA, CHICAGO**Report of: SA [REDACTED]  
Date: **FEBRUARY 7, 1967**Office: **CHICAGO**

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Field Office File #: **92-1371**Bureau File #: **92-6931**Title: **JAMES CATUARA**Character: **ANTI-RACKETEERING**

Synopsis: Subject in the near future contemplates moving into new residence at 8700 South Kilpatrick, Oak Lawn, Illinois. Subject continues to gain stature in organized criminal activity in southern Cook County. [REDACTED] interviewed and furnished little information about him. Current activity and associates set forth.

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DETAILS:

[redacted] advised on December 7, 1966, that the subject is selling his home at 10309 South Laramie and will be moving into a new home at 9700 South Kilpatrick sometime during the early part of February, 1967. Informant advised that [redacted]

Informant advised that subject has built and paid for [redacted]

[redacted] advised that in June of 1955, GUS ALEX, Chicago top hoodlum and the subject operated a crap game at 31st and Parnell in a garage. This was actually located at the rear of 3206 Princeton Street. Informant stated that at approximately the same time [redacted]

This informant advised that in 1963 the subject attended a funeral on April 7, 1963, for the father-in-law of Chicago top hoodlum, JACK CERONE. The subject also according to the informant attended the ACCARDO-PALESMO wedding on April 27, 1961.

On October 11, 1966, [redacted] advised that CATUARA is constantly moving in on FRANK LA PORTE's territory on the far south side, in view of the fact that LA PORTE is apparently being allowed to retire from active control of organized criminal activity.

[redacted] stated that he had recently heard from a [redacted] that he intends to go to Florida and locate [redacted]

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[redacted]  
states that the [redacted] is very strong in southern Illinois because they can continue to offer protection to the local hoodlums through their connections with the Illinois State Police and local law enforcement agencies. Informant advised that the Chicago group is losing control because they can no longer offer such protection.

Informant advised that he had previously felt that CATUARA took orders from [redacted] however, he is now convinced that CATUARA's immediate superior is ~~"MILWAUKEE"~~ PAUL ALDERISIO. He overheard a conversation indicating that the subject and ex-convict [redacted] were called in by ALDERISIO concerning some "juice loan" that [redacted] owed. According to the conversation it was obvious that CATUARA was being held responsible for [redacted] debt because [redacted] was "his man."

Informant advised that CATUARA is also close to AL PILOTTA who now appears to be in complete control of Chicago Heights, Illinois, and is no longer responsible to FRANK LA PORTE. Informant stated that this is his opinion and that he has no proof that this is the case.

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Informant stated that the greatest fear the hoodlums have today is the attempted penetration of their organization by the Federal Government. He stated that it is certain death for any of the "Outfit people" to be contacted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and not report it to their leader. If one Outfit member observes or hears of another member meeting with the FBI, the first individual will be called in under a suitable pretext and if he fails to admit that he was talking, a contract is immediately issued for his death.

[redacted] Illinois State Police, advised that at a recent law enforcement meeting in southern Cook County, he learned that one [redacted] is considered to be a "muscle" for the subject. [redacted]

[redacted] indicated that GUIDO FIDANZI owes [redacted] several thousand dollars. Informant stated that FIDANZI runs the R and B Collection Agency in Chicago Heights for the subject.

[redacted] on November 23, 1966, advised that the general rumor in the Gary and Hammond, Indiana, area is that the subject is taking over control of gambling in Lake County, Indiana. They allow local people to control the actual games but the politicians are being handled by the subject and his associates. Informant stated that the politicians and gamblers are very concerned with the Government activity in their area and are having a hard time getting dealers because of the recent cases involving Indiana gamblers. They find they have complete control over local officials but never know when the "G" is going to conduct a raid.

Informant stated that he has recently heard that GUIDO FIDANZI is in serious trouble with the subject and is being pushed out of control of the R and B. Informant stated that one [redacted]

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[redacted]  
was visited the first of November and told not to allow FIDANZI to charge gasoline on the R and B credit card.

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A review discloses that a March, 1966, Chicago Tribune contains an article stating that CARL CATUARA, son of the notorious JAMES CATUARA, is a supervisor of the Drivers License Division in the Secretary of States Office. It disclosed that he was associated with a mob controlled bail bond company prior to November, 1964.

[redacted]  
[redacted] stated that he had no knowledge of any organization of criminals and stated that [redacted] never spoken of a Mafia or a group known as La Cosa Nostra. He stated that in his opinion this entire situation is a figment of imagination and that although there are individual criminals and gangs, he doesn't think that there is any nation wide group. [redacted]  
[redacted]



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[redacted] Oak Lawn, Illinois Police Department advised on January 18, 1967, that he had observed [redacted] attending the Cotillion Ball of Christ Community Hospital that was held at the South Shore Country Club on December 26, 1966. [redacted] appeared to be in the company of [redacted]

[redacted] was also with another individual who avoided any contact with him when he, [redacted] was within their observation. He described the individual as a white male, early thirties who appeared to be of Italian extraction and from his mannerisms was probably a hoodlum.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
Chicago, Illinois  
February 7, 1967

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No. **92-1371**

Title **JAMES CATUARA**

Character **ANTI-RACKETEERING**

Reference **Report of Special Agent**  
**[redacted] dated and**  
**captioned as above.**

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All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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1-USA, Chicago  
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO [REDACTED]

DATE: March 9, 1967

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

Captioned informant was contacted on March 8, 1967, by SAs [REDACTED]. Informant advised that [REDACTED] had just returned from Washington, D. C., having been there over the weekend of March 4-5, 1967. [REDACTED] according to the informant, attended a meeting with JIMMY HOFFA and other labor leaders making plans concerning the control of labor throughout the United States during the absence of HOFFA who entered prison on March 7, 1967. He said that the purpose of the meeting was to be sure that [REDACTED] [REDACTED] would be kept in line. Informant stated that [REDACTED] is one of the most powerful labor leaders representing the criminal syndicate in the United States.

Informant stated that [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]  
(SAM GIANCANA)

[REDACTED]  
(FRANK LA PORTE)  
(JAMES CATUARA)

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- 1 - 92-1173 (LA COSA NOSTRA)
- 1 - 15-26451 [REDACTED] et al)
- 1 - 15-0 (TFIS MATTERS)
- MBH/gas



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Date: 3/8/67

Transmit the following in PLAIN TEXT  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via TELETYPE URGENT  
(Priority)

TO : DIRECTOR (92-6931) AND SAC, MIAMI  
FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (92-1371) ✓

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JAMES CATUARA, AKA. AR. OO: CHICAGO.

FOR INFO MIAMI, CHICAGO INFORMANT ADVISED THAT CATUARA  
AND TWO ASSOCIATES, GUIDO FIDANZI AND [REDACTED] LEFT  
CHICAGO MARCH FIVE LAST FOR TWO WEEK VACATION CASTAWAYS MOTEL,  
MIAMI BEACH.

AS BUREAU AWARE, WESLEY M. FUNICELLA FOUND MURDERED  
FEBRUARY TWENTY SEVEN LAST IN GANGLAND STYLE IN BLUE ISLAND,  
ILLINOIS. FUNICELLA WAS PART TIME EMPLOYEE FOR CATUARA AND  
FIDANZI IN R AND B COLLECTION AGENCY, CHICAGO HEIGHTS.  
INFORMANT ADVISED THAT ONE WEEK BEFORE MURDER, CATUARA ADVISED  
THAT FUNICELLA WAS NOT MAKING HIS "JUICE" PAYMENTS, AND THAT  
IF HE DID NOT COME UP WITH THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS WITHIN  
WEEK, HE WOULD BE TAUGHT A LESSON. CATUARA UNDOUBTEDLY

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1 - [REDACTED]  
1 - [REDACTED]  
1 - C-1 Tickler

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Special Agent in Charge

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DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR KILLING OF FUNICELLA.

CATUARA MAY BE JOINED IN MIAMI BY [REDACTED] AND TWO  
OTHER UNKNOWN INDIVIDUALS LATER IN WEEK. CATUARA APPEARS TO  
BE TAKING CONTROL OF SOUTHERN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, TERRITORY  
WHICH GRADUALLY <sup>BEING</sup> VACATED BY CHICAGO HOODLUM FRANK LA PORTE.

PHOTO OF CATUARA FORWARDED MIAMI AMSD.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, Chicago [redacted]

DATE: 3/8/67

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FROM : SA [redacted]

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SUBJECT: [redacted]

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Dates of Contact 3/5/67		
Titles and File #s on which contacted		
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		SA [redacted]
Purpose and results of contact		
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CI advised that about ten days ago James Catuara and [redacted] were screaming at WESLEY M. FUNICELLA to come up with \$4,000. to \$5,000. as a part payment on a "juice" loan he owed Catuara. They suggested that if he did not come up with this amount it would not be "healthy" for him. CI more recently learned that on Ca tuara's orders, [redacted] killed Funicella. According to CI Catuara, [redacted] and associate GUIDO FIDANZI are all to go to Florida for a two week vacation. They will be staying at the Castawa ys Motel, Miami Beach.		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating Very Good	Coverage Same
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[redacted]

[redacted]

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① 92-1371

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (92-1371)

DATE: 3/14/67

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: JAMES CATRIARA

[REDACTED] Oak Lawn Police Department,  
advised that the subject moved to 9600 South Kilbourne  
Avenue, [REDACTED]

The subject's  
own home is currently occupied by [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] b7C

On February 28, 1967, [REDACTED] Sears  
and Roebuck, Park Forest, Illinois, advised that an  
employee [REDACTED]  
advised him that [REDACTED] associated with GUIDO FIDANZI  
[REDACTED] WESLEY FUNICILLA approximately  
two nights before he was killed.

FIDANZI approximately two years ago, was associated  
with [REDACTED] (phonetic) [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] FIDANZI frequently was observed in the office and  
appeared to be an employee.

TWP: smg  
(1)

*smg*



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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

92-1371-152

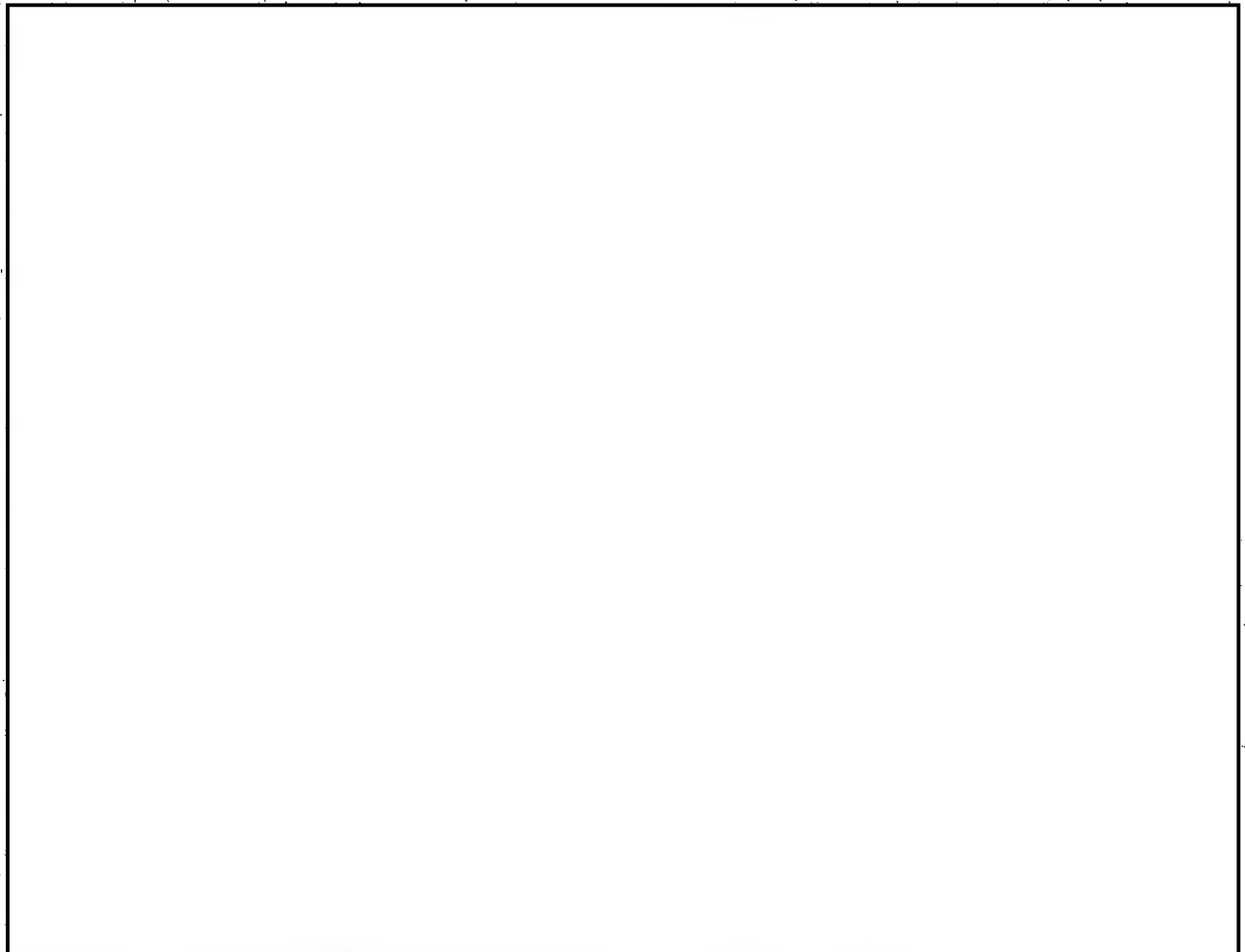
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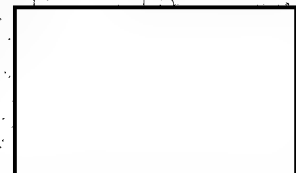


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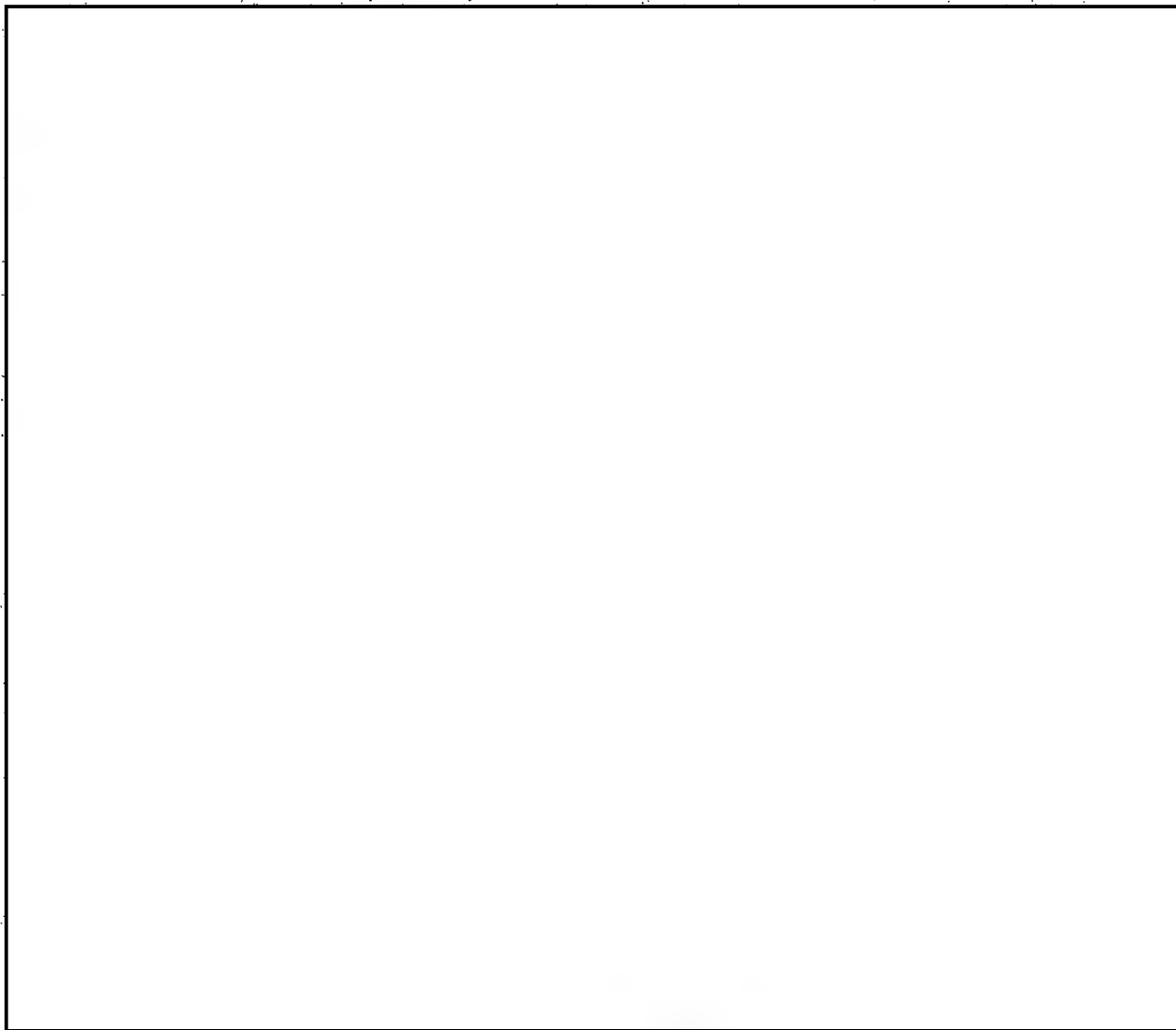
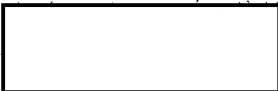
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Informant stated that at the present time FIDANZI, CATUARA and [redacted] are vacationing in Florida. He also was telephonically contacted by [redacted] who is also vacationing in Florida.



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# Memorandum

TO : SAC

**CHICAGO**

DATE: **March 21, 1967**

FROM : SA

☐ CI      ☐ SI      ☐ R (Prob)

☒ PCI   ☐ PSI   ☐ R

SUBJECT:

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Dates of Contact	
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**February 20, and March 3, 1967**

Titles and File #s on which contacted	Date contacted	Person contacted	Comments
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
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[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
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[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
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[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

~~FRANK LA PORTE~~

~~AR~~

~~92-920~~

**JAMES CATUARA**



92-1371

Date	Location	Time	Weather	Purpose and results of contact
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11/06/19	...	...	...	

☐ **NEGATIVE** POSITIVE

## STATISTIC

**K** Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

Rating

**Good**

Coverage
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**Same**

**TWP:gas**  
**(3)**

22-10-11-15/1

CG [REDACTED]

Informant advised that gambling in Chicago Heights Illinois, has opened up considerably since the heart attack suffered by the Chief of Police. Several hoodlums frequently play poker at the Club Place located at Main and Halsted Streets. About 2 a.m. on weekend mornings there are numerous Mexicans gambling in the back room of the club. Informant stated he does not know the identity of the operator.

Informant stated he has heard that [REDACTED] [REDACTED] are "muscle" for JIMMY CATUARA and that a whole group of them recently left for Florida, after the killing of WESLEY FUNICELLA. He stated he had no information as to whether their trip resulted from the murder or whether the trip had been planned as a vacation.

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TO : SAC, CHICAGO [REDACTED]

DATE: 3/21/67

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

☒ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

☐

Dates of Contact

3/5/67

Titles and File #s on which contacted

JAMES CATUARA, AR

92-1371 [REDACTED]

Purpose and results of contact

- ☐ NEGATIVE  
☒ POSITIVE  
☐ STATISTIC

On March 5, 1967, informant advised that [REDACTED] and another unknown individual on the direct orders of JIMMY CATUARA, killed WESLEY FUNICELLI in Blue Island, Illinois. According to informant, the reason for this killing was that several weeks prior to this FUNICELLI was given a final warning by CATUARA that he had to come up with two to three thousand dollars in cash as payment on a larger loan he made previously.

Informant stated that on March 6, 1967, CATUARA, [REDACTED] GUIDO FIDENZI, and [REDACTED] are all going to Miami Beach where they will stay two weeks at the Castaways Motel. Informant feels that this is a vacation and that CATUARA may be joined by other individuals before his return.

☐ Informant certified that he has  
furnished all information obtained  
by him since last contact.

Rating

Very good

Coverage

Same

① - 92-1371  
TWP:flk  
(2)

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[Handwritten initials]

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# Memorandum

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TO : SAC **CHICAGO** [REDACTED]

DATE: **March 21, 1967**

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

☒ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

Dates of Contact <b>February 20 and March 15, 1967</b>		
Titles and File #s on which contacted		
<b>JAMES CATUARA</b>	<b>AR</b>	<b>92-1371)</b>
[REDACTED]	<b>ITAR - GAMBLING</b>	<b>166-914)</b>
[REDACTED]		
[REDACTED]		
[REDACTED]		
Purpose and results of contact		
<input type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE <input type="checkbox"/> STATISTIC		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating <b>Very Good</b>	Coverage <b>Same</b>
<b>TWP:gas</b> <b>(3)</b>		

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*[Handwritten initials]*  
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CG

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Informant heard from a gambler in Blue Island, Illinois, that WESLEY FUNICELLA, murdered in gangland fashion, was heavily in debt to JIMMY CATUARA and had been warned several times that he had to come up with the last \$1000 in order to show good faith. Informant assumes that he did not produce the necessary money and that this was the reason he was killed.

[REDACTED]

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO [REDACTED]

DATE: 3/22/67

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

☐ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

☒ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

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Dates of Contact

2/20/67, 3/10/67

Titles and File #s on which contacted

FRANK LA PORTE, aka. AR

92-920

JAMES CATUARA AR

92-1371

AL PILOTTO AR

92-1733

162-651

165-322

166-561

ITAR

Purpose and results of contact

☐ NEGATIVE

☒ POSITIVE

☐ STATISTIC

ORGANIZED CRIME, LAKE  
COUNTY, INDIANA  
CRIME CONDITIONS,  
CICERO, ILLINOIS

162-703

162-701

165-906

92-375

166-New

166-New

166-New

92-2013

92-2317

ITWI

RALPH PIERCE AR  
GAMBLING, INDIANA  
RECREATION CLUB  
GAMBLING, NICK'S OLD NEW  
YORK RECREATION CLUB

RALPH EMERY AR

AR

Informant will not testify to any information furnished.

Positive information set out on attached pages.

For copies see ii page.

☐ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

Rating

Very Good

Coverage

Same

TWP:flk  
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1 - 92-375  
1 - 166-New  
1 - 166-New  
1 - 166-New  
1 - 92-2013  
1 - 92-2317



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (92-1371)

FROM : SAC, MIAMI (92-1974) (RUC)

SUBJECT: JAMES CATUARA, aka  
AR  
OO: Chicago

DATE: 3/22/67

Reurtel 3/8/67.

[redacted] Castaways Motel, 16375 Collins Avenue, Miami Beach, Florida, advised SA [redacted] from records on 3/10/67 that GUIDO FIDANZI or [redacted] arrived at the Castaways Motel as a guest 3/6/67 and was assigned Room [redacted]. He furnished a residence address as [redacted] when registering. [redacted] also stated from records one [redacted] (party illegible) also was a guest at the Castaways Motel as of 3/6/67 and was assigned Room [redacted]. He furnished his address as [redacted] was later assigned Room [redacted] at the motel. [redacted] also advised that one [redacted] checked in at the motel on 3/6/67 as a guest and was assigned Room [redacted] also listed the address [redacted] when registering.

[redacted] further advised that three additional persons who were in the same party with those listed above, namely [redacted] and GUIDO FIDANZI, had arrived at the Castaways Motel as guests on 3/8/67. [redacted] listed an address [redacted]

[redacted] further advised that [redacted] checked out of the Castaways Motel on 3/14/67, whereas [redacted] and GUIDO FIDANZI checked out of the Castaways on 3/16/67.

② - Chicago  
1 - Miami  
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MM 92-1974

[ ] stated that the total bill of the six individuals listed above while at the Castaways was approximately \$2,000 which amount they paid in cash.

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[ ] stated that he had no record of anyone by the name of JAMES CATUARA as a guest at the Castaways; however, after viewing a picture of CATUARA, stated that it was possible that the individual using the name of [ ] was actually CATUARA.

On the evening of 3/14/67, SAs [ ] and [ ] observed JAMES CATUARA at the Thunderbird Motel, Miami Beach, Florida.

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CHICAGO

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Will recontact informants and ascertain if CATUARA used the name of [ ] while at the Castaways and if such is the case will advise the Miami Office.

If it is determined by the Chicago Office that subject was one of the above group, Chicago should so advise Miami so that his long distance telephone calls may be obtained.

Chicago, Illinois  
April 7, 1967

92-1371

INTERNATIONAL ROAD CONTRACTORS,  
INCORPORATED  
16615 SOUTH HALSTED  
HARVEY, ILLINOIS

b7C

A confidential source of the Chicago Office advised on July 7, 1966, that organized crime leader James Catuara, Oak Lawn, Illinois, was attempting to form a pilot corporation in an effort to obtain funds from the Federal Highway Paving Program in Illinois. In furtherance of this scheme the International Road Contractors Incorporated

[redacted]  
[redacted] The company's only asset is an option on a parcel of real estate which is to be used as an interchange on an interstate highway being constructed between Chicago and Joliet, Illinois.

The corporation was authorized under Illinois law in May, 1966, with a paid in capital of \$1,000. [redacted]

[redacted] particularly James Catuara; however, investigation has failed to disclose any public record connecting their association.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. It is the property of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

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① Chicago  
TWP: MMC /als  
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92-1371-151  
[signature]

RE: **INTERNATIONAL ROAD CONTRACTORS,  
INCORPORATED  
16615 SOUTH HALSTED  
HARVEY, ILLINOIS**

On April 4, 1967, this source stated that the International Road Contractors were the successful bidder on a \$135,000 land fill contract on interstate highway 57 in Illinois. The company is listed as a subcontractor to [redacted] Krug Construction Company, as a joint venture. According to this source, International Road Contractors, Incorporated, continues to be without assets and have no earth-moving machinery or equipment.

4/7/67

AIRTEL

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (92-6931)  
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (92-1371)  
SUBJECT: JAMES CATUARA, aka  
AR

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Remytel, 4/5/67.

Please find enclosed six (6) copies of an LHM setting forth information regarding the International Road Contractors, Incorporated, 16615 South Halsted, Harvey, Illinois.

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1 - Chicago

TWP:als  
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*als*

*[Signature]*

*[Signature]*

*[Signature]*

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TO : SAC

**CHICAGO**

DATE:

**3/23/67**

FROM : SA

☐ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)  
☒ **X**  
☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R  
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SUBJECT:

Dates of Contact

**3/20/67**

Titles and File #s on which contacted

**FRANK LA PORTE, aka; AR**

**92-920**

**JAMES CATUARA; AR**

**92-1371**

**SAM BATTAGLIA; AR**

**92-914**

**SAM ENGLISH; AR**

**92-887**

**AR**

**166-273**

**92-1160**

☐ NEGATIVE  
☐ POSITIVE  
☒ **X** STATISTIC

**INFORMANT WILL NOT TESTIFY TO ANY INFORMATION FURNISHED.**

**(See attached)**

☒ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

Rating

**Excellent**

Coverage

**Same**

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CG [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Informant stated that there is no question in his mind that WESLEY FUNICELLO was killed by [REDACTED]. He stated [REDACTED] FUNICELLO to CATUARA and he was, therefore, responsible for his actions. When FUNICELLO became heavily involved in juice it was [REDACTED] handle the situation.

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Date: 4/5/67

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Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
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(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR (92-6931)

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (92-1371)

JAMES CATUARA, AKA., AR. OO: CHICAGO.

AS BUREAU AWARE, CATUARA GAINING CONTROL OF ORGANIZED  
CRIME, SOUTHERN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

[REDACTED] PREVIOUSLY ADVISED THAT CATUARA  
ATTEMPTING TO ENTER INTO FEDERAL HIGHWAY PAVING PROGRAM BY  
HAVING HOODLUM DEFENSE ATTORNEYS [REDACTED]  
FORM INTERNATIONAL ROAD CONTRACTORS, INC., ONE SIX SIX ONE  
FIVE S. HALSTED, HARVEY, ILLINOIS. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

CHICAGO INFORMANT ADVISED APRIL FOUR LAST THAT ABOVE  
COMPANY WAS SUCCESSFUL BIDDER ON ONE HUNDRED THIRTY FIVE  
THOUSAND DOLLAR LAND FILL CONTRACT ON INTERSTATE HIGHWAY  
FIFTY SEVEN SOUTH OF U.S. ROUTE TWENTY NEAR JOLIET, ILLINOIS.

THEY ARE LISTED AS SUB CONTRACTOR TO [REDACTED] KRUG /  
CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, AS JOINT VENTURE. INVESTIGATION FAILS  
TO DISCLOSE ANY PUBLIC RECORD LINKING CATUARA WITH ABOVE

- 1 - C-1 Tickler  
1 - C-4 (Info)  
1 - [REDACTED]

VLI:mpc  
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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Agent in Charge

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Per \_\_\_\_\_

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Date:

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(Type in plaintext or code)

Via \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)

CG 92-1371  
PAGE TWO

ATTORNEYS; HOWEVER, SEVERAL CHICAGO INFORMANTS ADVISED THAT  
CATUARA AND HIS HOODLUM ASSOCIATES HAVE FURNISHED MONEY AND  
INFLUENCE TO OBTAIN FEDERAL CONTRACTS.

THIS SITUATION BEING CLOSELY FOLLOWED. LHM FOLLOWS.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC *Chicago* [redacted]

DATE: *4/11/67*

FROM : SA [redacted]

☐ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

☒ PC ☐ PSI ☐ R

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SUBJECT: [redacted]

## Dates of Contact

## Titles and File #s on which contacted

[redacted] *AR* *92-415* *SA*  
*"JAMES CATURRA"* *AR* *92-1371*  
[redacted] *AR* *92-2038*  
*"AL TEL"* *15-26351*

## Purpose and results of contact

☐ NEGATIVE  
☒ POSITIVE  
☐ STATISTIC

*SEE ATTACHED*

☒ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

Rating

*Good*

Coverage

*same*

*92-1371-163*  
*[Signature]*

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*Memorandum*

TO : SAC, CHICAGO [REDACTED]

DATE: 5/4/67

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

☐ CI☐ SI☒ PCI☐ PSI

SUBJECT [REDACTED]

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## Dates of Contact

**4/27/67**

## Titles and File #s on which contacted

**JAMES CATUARA, AR****92-1371****92-1278****AR****92-2217**

## Purpose and results of contact

☐ NEGATIVE☒ POSITIVE

**Informant will not testify to any information furnished. Positive information set forth on attached pages.**

☒ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

Rating

**Good**

Coverage

**Same**

Personal Data

**TWP:cms  
(4)***[Handwritten signature]*  
*92-1278-164*

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC , CHICAGO [REDACTED]

DATE: 5/16/67

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

☐ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

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## Dates of Contact

5/11/67

## Titles and File #s on which contacted

[REDACTED]

JIMMY CATUARA

162-490

92-745

165-1143

✓ 92-1371

## Purpose and results of contact

- ☐ NEGATIVE  
☒ POSITIVE  
☐ STATISTIC

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☒ Informant certified that he has  
furnished all information obtained  
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Rating

Excellent

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JIMMY CATUARA (92-1371)

Source advised he had learned JIMMY CATUARA has been frequenting Horn Palace, 42nd and Halsted, where he is friendly with [REDACTED]. Source stated both [REDACTED] have been dealing in stolen merchandise.

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REPORTING OFFICE <b>CHICAGO</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>CHICAGO</b>	DATE <b>5/15/67</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>2/7 - 5/5/67</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>JAMES CATUARA, aka</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>SA</b> <span style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 150px; height: 1.2em; vertical-align: middle;"></span>	TYPED BY <b>tfk</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>AR</b>	

REFERENCES: Report of SA  dated 2/7/67.

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ENCLOSURES:

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Two (2) copies of LHM reflecting characterization of informants utilized in this report.

LEADS

Leads to other field divisions are being set forth as they develop under separate communications.

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AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. Will continue to investigate activity in the organized crime field.

INFORMANTS

<u>Source</u>	<u>Date Contacted</u>	<u>Contacting Agent</u>
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Report of: [REDACTED]

Office: Chicago

Date:

5/15/67

Field Office File #: 92-1371

Bureau File #: 92-6931

Title: JAMES CATUARA

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis: Subject has moved into his new \$80,000 residence at 9600 South Kilbourn, Oak Lawn, Illinois. [REDACTED] Informant described subject as an enforcer for the outfit who is vicious and treacherous individual. WESTLEY M. FUNICELLA discovered murdered in Blue Island, Illinois, in gangland fashion. FUNICELLA was a part-time employee of a company owned by the subject. Reason for his death alleged to be nonpayment of a "juice" loan owed to the subject. Subject spent three weeks vacationing Miami, Florida. Legitimate enterprises set forth.

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DETAILS:

RESIDENCE

[redacted] (NA), Oak Lawn, Illinois, Police Department, advised that he has recently verified that CATUARA has moved to 9600 South Kilbourn Avenue, Oak Lawn Illinois. [redacted] estimated that the house owned by the subject has a fair market value of approximately \$80,000. [redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted] stated that the subject's old residence at 10309 Laramie Avenue, Oak Lawn, is presently occupied by

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[redacted]  
Oak Lawn, Illinois, Police Department, stated that they have conducted numerous spot checks at the subject's residence and have noted nothing of a suspicious nature. They have not observed any individual or automobiles near the residence that have shown any indication that meetings are being held at either house.

ASSOCIATES

[redacted]  
Previous investigation has established that [redacted]

[redacted]

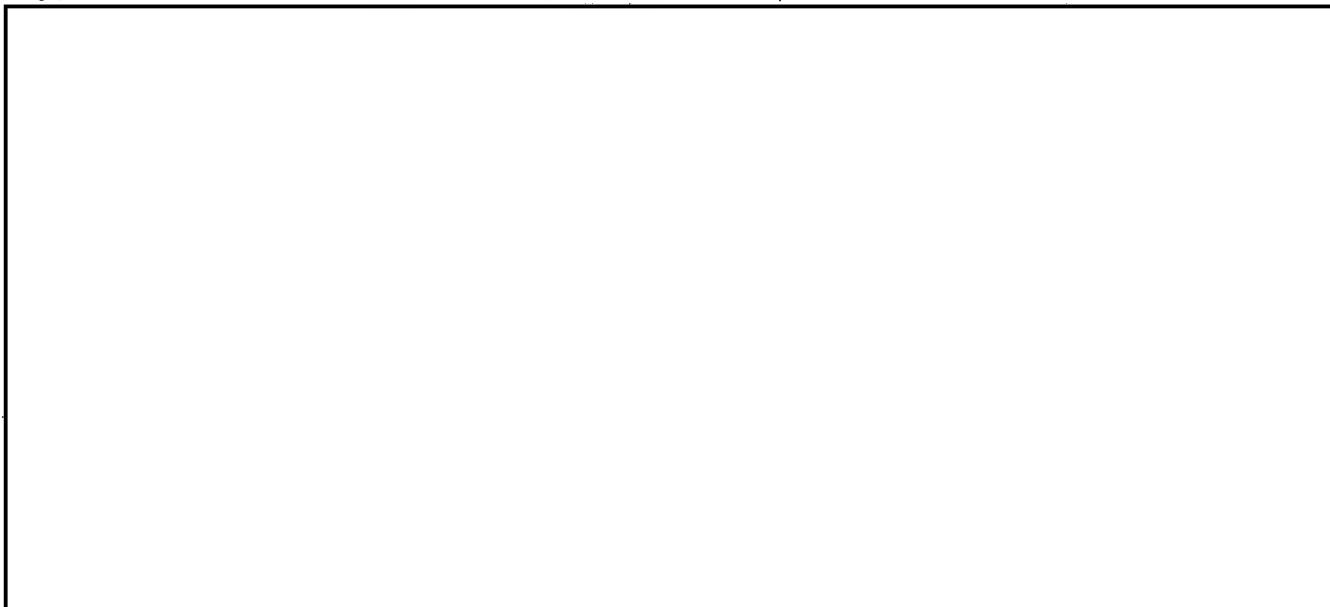
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WESTLEY M. FUNICELLA  
Deceased

[redacted] advised that FUNICELLA was found murdered on February 27, 1967, with several bullet holes in his head, at Blue Island, Illinois. Informant stated that FUNICELLA was a part-time employee for CATUARA and GUIDO FIDANZI at the R and B Collection Agency, Chicago Heights. Informant advised that CATUARA is at the agency on practically a daily basis. One week before the murder, CATUARA supposedly reported that FUNICELLA was not making his "juice" payments and that if he did not come up with \$3000 within one week, he would be taught a hard lesson. Informant advised that it is his opinion that CATUARA is undoubtedly responsible for the killing of FUNICELLA.

This informant stated that on March 5, 1967, CATUARA, [redacted] and two other unknown individuals are taking a two week vacation to Miami Beach, Florida. They will stay at the Castaway Hotel.

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[redacted] advised that he has recently learned that a [redacted] are "muscle" for CATUARA, and that the entire group recently left for Florida, after the killing of WESTLEY FUNICELLA. Informant stated he had no information as to whether their trip was connected with the murder or whether the trip had been planned before the murder as a vacation.

[redacted] advised on March 5, 1967, that [redacted] and another unknown individual on direct orders of CATUARA, killed FUNICELLA in Blue Island, Illinois. According to the informant, the reason for this killing was that several weeks prior to this, FUNICELLA was given a final warning that he had to come up with several thousand dollars cash as payment on a "juice" loan he had previously made.

[redacted] advised that he had learned from [redacted] that CATUARA and FIDANZI were at the Castaway Hotel in Miami Beach on March 4, and intended to stay at least two weeks.. Informant advised that he learned that there were several other Chicago hoodlums in Miami at the same time.



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[REDACTED]

By letter dated March 22, 1967, the Miami Office advised that [REDACTED] Castaway Hotel, 16375 Collins Avenue, Miami Beach, Florida, advised on March 10, 1967, that GUIDO FIDANZI arrived at the Castaway Hotel on March 6, 1967, and was assigned room 114. He furnished a residence address as 1020 Chicago Road, Chicago Heights, Illinois. [REDACTED] stated that from records, one [REDACTED] (Partly Illegible), was also a guest of the Castaway and was assigned room [REDACTED]. He also furnished 1020 Chicago Road as address. [REDACTED] advised that one [REDACTED] checked in at the hotel on March 6, 1967, and was assigned room [REDACTED] and listed his address as 1020 Chicago Road.

[REDACTED] further advised that two additional persons who were in the same party with those listed above, namely [REDACTED] listed an address of [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] listed an address of [REDACTED]. These individuals checked out of the hotel on March 14 and March 16, 1967. [REDACTED] stated that the total bill for the six individuals was approximately \$2,000, which amount they paid in cash.

[REDACTED] advised that he has no record of anyone by the name of JAMES CATUARA registered as a guest at the hotel. After viewing a photograph of CATUARA, he advised it was possible that the individual using the name [REDACTED] was actually CATUARA. On March 14, 1967, Agents of the Miami Office observed JAMES CATUARA at the Thunderbird Hotel, Miami Beach, Florida.

"MILWAUKEE PHIL" ALDERISI  
550 Berkley  
North Riverside, Illinois

[REDACTED] advised he has learned that an ex-convict known as [REDACTED] is on "juice" for about \$10,000 to ALDERISI.

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The loan was arranged through CARTUARA to his closely associated friend with [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] He understood that CARUARA had been present at the time of the argument and that it was obvious that CARUARA was scared of ALDERISI. According to the source, [REDACTED] indicated that CARUARA was ashamed of the abuse that ALDERISI gave [REDACTED] however, there was nothing that he, CARUARA, could do about it. Informant advised that when CATUARA goes on vacation, all he does is lay around in the sun and does not involve himself in any night life or social activity. Informant advised that CATUARA has a girl friend that resides somewhere in Chicago.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Cook County Sheriff's Police, Chicago, Illinois, advised that he has received information indicating that [REDACTED] is a "muscle man" for "THE BOMBER" CATUARA. He reportedly killed LOUIS PRATICO, a former Chicago Heights, Illinois; policeman. The killing supposedly was because of some arson job that PRATICO was involved in.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Contact with informants who are acquainted with some of the activities of CATUARA were unable to furnish any information that PASSERO is acquainted with CATUARA.

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LEGITIMATE ENTERPRISES

[REDACTED] advised that JAMES CATUARA was attempting to form a pilor corporation in an effort to obtain funds from the Federal Highway Paving Program in Illinois. In furtherance of this scheme, the International Road Contractors Incorporated, was formed by [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The company's only asset is an option on a parcel of real estate that is used as a interchange on an interstate highway being constructed between Chicago and Joliet, Illinois.

This corporation was authorized under Illinois Law in May, 1966, with a paid in capital of \$1,000. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

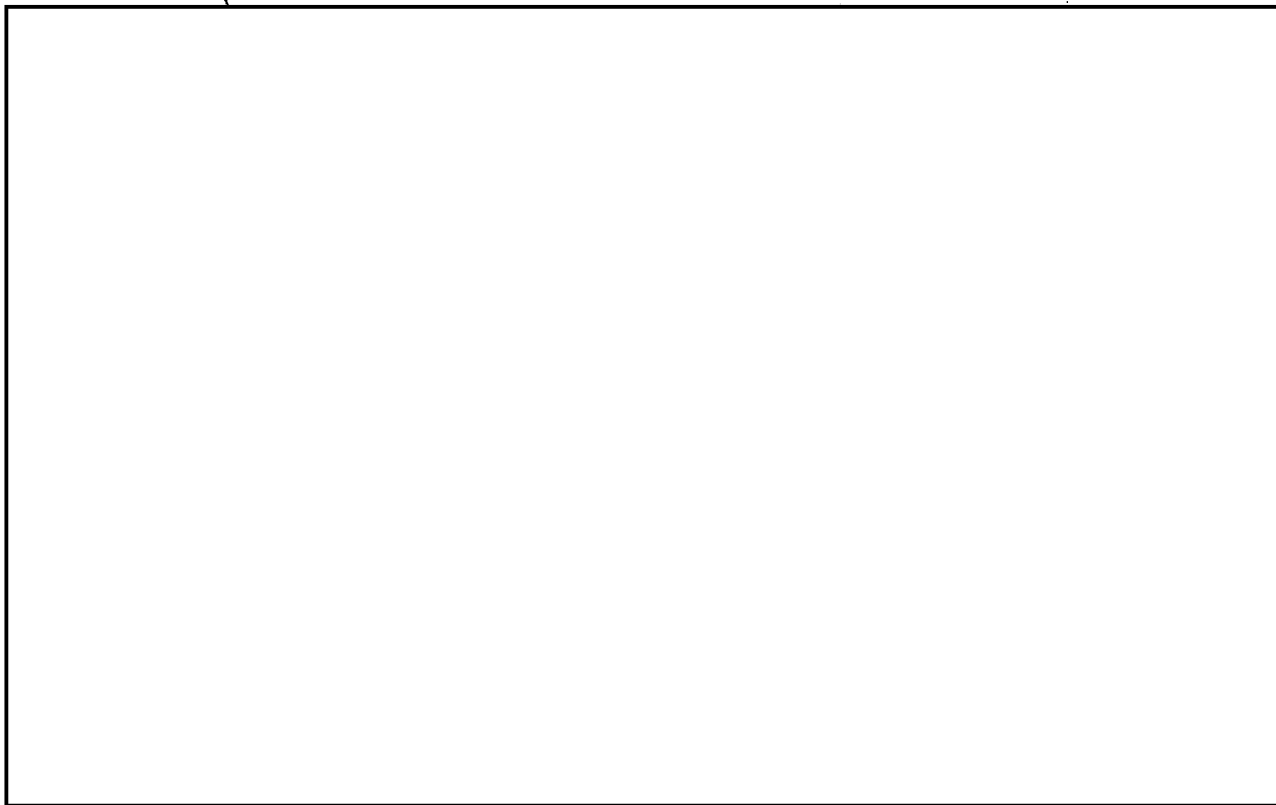
[REDACTED] Previous investigation indicated that [REDACTED] are controlled and dominated by JIMMIE CATUARA.

On April 4, 1967, [REDACTED] advised that the International Road Contractors were the successful bidder on a \$135,00 land fill contract on Interstate Highway 57 in Illinois. The company is listed as a subcontractor to [REDACTED] Crud Construction Company. Informant stated that the company continued to be without any assets and that they had no earth moving equipment or machinery.

[REDACTED] Cook County Sheriff's Police, advised that CATUARA continues to control the R and B Collection Agency at 1020 Chicago Road, Chicago Heights, Illinois. [REDACTED] stated that this company operates as a legitimate front for numerous frauds which can be best described as a "con operation." [REDACTED] stated he has heard of at least eight or ten situations where FIDANZI and others have contacted individuals, obtained money from them on the pretext that certain merchandise would be delivered to them. FIDANZI usually informs the victim that it will be part of a stolen load of whiskey, television sets, etc. When the money is obtained, the victims are told that the

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police confiscated the various goods and that the money is not available for return to the victims.



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[redacted] advised on April 19, 1967, that the A. R. Security Agency, Incorporated, 12400 Vincennes Avenue, [redacted] Blue Island, Illinois, telephone number 389-3830, was recently formed. [redacted]

[redacted] This is an Illinois corporation chartered in January, 1967, with a paid in capital of \$1,000. [redacted]

[redacted]

This new company offers security watchmen, guard and patrolman service to industrial and commercial concerns in Southern Cook County, Illinois. According to the source, [redacted] deferred a financial statement to a credit reporting agency explaining that his accountant, name unknown, will not have the statement completed until May. The concern has an average balance of \$600 in the County Bank, Blue Island, Illinois. [redacted] claimed there is an investment in uniforms, autos and police watchdogs, but deferred estimating an amount at this time. [redacted]

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[redacted]



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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] According to this source, [REDACTED] is also connected in some way with JAMES CATUARA of Oak Lawn, Illinois.

MISCELLANEOUS

[REDACTED] Cook County Sheriff's Police, advised that Circuit Court Judge JAKES of Cook County Courts recently committed suicide. [REDACTED] stated JAKES was an alcoholic who spent most of his free time drinking at the Crossroads Restaurant at 153rd and Cicero, Oak Forest, Illinois. [REDACTED] stated that JAKES was closely associated with CATUARA and reportedly had done favors for him in the past.



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Chicago, Illinois

In Reply, Please Refer to  
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Title JAMES CATUARA

Character ANTI-RACKETEERING

Reference Report of Special Agent [redacted]  
[redacted] dated and captioned as  
above at Chicago, Illinois.

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All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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**ANTI-RACKETEERING**

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Reference is made to report of Special Agent [redacted]  
[redacted] dated and captioned as above.

**CHARACTERIZATION OF INFORMANTS**

[redacted] is an individual who has considerable knowledge of organized crime in the Chicago area.

[redacted] is an individual who has numerous criminal associates in Southern Cook County, Illinois.

[redacted] who is familiar with certain aspects of criminal activity in Chicago.

[redacted] is an individual who is familiar with gambling operations in Chicago Heights, Illinois.

[redacted] who associates with the criminal element.

[redacted]

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC CHICAGO [REDACTED]

DATE: 4/26/67

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

☐ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

☒ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

Dates of Contact

4/1-19/67

Titles and File #s on which contacted

JAMES CATUARA, aka; AR

92-1371 [REDACTED]

Purpose and results of contact

☐ NEGATIVE  
☒ POSITIVE  
☐ STATISTIC

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☒ Informant certified that he has  
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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] GUIDO F. DANZI and JIMMY CATUARA at  
the R&B Collection Agency in Chicago Heights. This individual  
indicated that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] made  
very little comment regarding [REDACTED] or CATUARA but that

[REDACTED]

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC , CHICAGO

DATE: 5/23/67

FROM : SA

☐ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

SUBJECT:

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Dates of Contact

5/16/67

Titles and File #s on which contacted

JAMES CATUARA, AR

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Purpose and results of contact

- ☐ NEGATIVE  
☒ POSITIVE  
☐ STATISTIC

See attached.

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Rating  
**GOOD**

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[REDACTED]

been "conned" out of \$30,000 by GUIDO FIDANZI of the R&B Collection Agency that is owned by CATUARA. This apparently occurred when the individual gave FIDANZI the money as a finders fee for obtaining a \$200,000 loan. The informant advised that the loan never materialized and FIDANZI has refused to return the money.

Informant further advised that he learned that until approximately two weeks ago there was considerable gambling taking place at the Club Palace in Chicago Heights. It is a crap game that is frequented by Mexicans and usually is in full swing at 2:00 a.m. [REDACTED] the club Palace [REDACTED] and noted that the premises appeared to be vacant and that it is possible that the game is terminated.

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TO : SAC , CHICAGO [REDACTED]

DATE: 5/23/67

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

☒ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

Dates of Contact		5/18/67	
Titles and File #s on which contacted		92-1371	
JAMES CATUARA, AR		[REDACTED]	
[REDACTED] AR		92-1885	
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*Memorandum*

TO : SAC, CHICAGO [REDACTED]

DATE: 5/24/67

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

☒ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

## Dates of Contact

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## Titles and File #s on which contacted

[REDACTED] AR

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JAMES CATUARA, AR

92-1371 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AR

92-924 [REDACTED]

SAM BATTAGLIA, AR

92-914 [REDACTED]

SAM GIANCANA, AR

92-349 [REDACTED]

ANTHONY ACCARDO, AR

92-344 [REDACTED]

## Purpose and results of contact

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[REDACTED] AR

92-689 [REDACTED]

GUS ALEX, AR

92-373 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AR

92-1478 [REDACTED]

Extreme care should be exercised in dissemination  
of this information [REDACTED]

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Date 6/7/67

At 8:05 p.m. on May 31, 1967, [redacted] and JAMES CATUARA were observed leaving the main entrance of the Towne Hotel on Cermak Road, Cicero, Illinois. They spoke to each other briefly and [redacted] entered a current model vehicle by himself and CATUARA entered a recent model Cadillac bearing 1967 Illinois license JC 9600 and both left the vicinity.

Parked on the sidewalk east of the hotel was a current model black Ford bearing 1967 Illinois license [redacted]

Also observed was an individual who entered the barber shop there after unlocking the door and he was driving a current model black Ford bearing 1967 Illinois license [redacted]

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On 5/31/67 at Cicero, Illinois File # CG 92-1360  
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by SAs [redacted] /sjf Date dictated 6/6/67  
and [redacted]

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TO : DIRECTOR (92-6931)

FROM: SAC CHICAGO (92-1371) ✓

JAMES CATUARA, AKA. AR. OO CHICAGO.

AS BUREAU AWARE, CATUARA CONTINUING TO ASSUME GREATER CONTROL OF ORGANIZED CRIME IN SOUTHERN CHICAGO SUBURBS IN ABSENCE OF HOODLUM FRANK LA PORTE. CATUARA ON DAILY BASIS VISITS HIS UNDERLING GUIDO FIDANZI AT R AND B COLLECTION AGENCY, ONE ZERO TWO ZERO CHICAGO RD., CHICAGO HEIGHTS. FIDANZI FOR PAST SEVERAL YEARS HAS BEEN CONNECTED WITH CATUARA AND PHIL ALDERISIO IN VARIOUS FRAUD, "SCAM" AND EXTORTION PLOTS. PREVIOUS INVESTIGATION ESTABLISHED AT LEAST EIGHT "SCAMS" WHERE FIDANZI AND OTHERS DEFRAUDED INDIVIDUALS AND COMPANIES OF AT LEAST ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS BY PROMISING LOAN COMMITMENTS AND DELIVERY OF MERCHANDISE FOR WHICH THEY RECEIVED PAYMENTS IN ADVANCE. THESE "SCAMS" APPEAR TO BE OF LOCAL NATURE AND FIDANZI ARRESTED ON TWO OCCASIONS BUT NEVER ACTUALLY PURSUED OR PROSECUTED IN LOCAL COURTS.

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RECENTLY ADVISED THAT HE CONTACTED FIDANZI RE PURCHASE OF THREE HUNDRED TRUCK TIRES. FOLLOWING NEGOTIATIONS HE TRAVELED FROM [REDACTED] TO CHICAGO HEIGHTS, ILL., ON TWO OCCASIONS AND DELIVERED A TOTAL OF SIXTEEN THOUSAND, EIGHT HUNDRED DOLLARS TO REPRESENTATIVES OF FIDANZI AT THE REQUEST OF FIDANZI. HE DID NOT RECEIVE DELIVERY OF TIRES.

ON JUNE THIRTEEN LAST ABOVE FACTS DISCUSSED WITH DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEY [REDACTED] USA'S OFFICE, CHICAGO. [REDACTED] STATED IF FACTS COULD BE VERIFIED HE WOULD AUTHORIZE PROSECUTION OF FIDANZI; [REDACTED] FORMER CHICAGO HEIGHTS POLICE OFFICER, AND ONE [REDACTED] SUBSTANTIVE ITSP - FBW CASE BEING OPENED THIS MATTER AND BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED. NOTED VICTIM [REDACTED] IDENTIFIED CATUARA AS AN INDIVIDUAL HE OBSERVED AT R AND B AGENCY BUT DID NOT PARTICIPATE IN ANY CONVERSATION INVOLVING FRAUD.

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Special Agent in Charge

SAC, SPRINGFIELD

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SAC, CHICAGO (92-1371)

JAMES (THE BOMBER) CATUARA, aka

Subject was gradually taking control of organized crime in the Southern Chicago Suburbs, and GUIDO FIDANZI of the R and B Collection Agency in Chicago Heights, Illinois, are alleged to be operating various unknown types of confidence games in the Kankakee, Illinois area.

Springfield is requested to conduct credit and criminal checks on CATUARA and FIDANZI and contact logical informants in the Kankakee, Illinois area in an attempt to verify the above information.

In the event pertinent information is developed, Chicago will furnish descriptions and photographs of the individuals.

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# Memorandum

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DATE: 6/20/67

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT [REDACTED]

## Dates of Contact

**6/12/67**

## Titles and File #s on which contacted

**JAMES CATUARA; AR****92-1371** [REDACTED]

## Purpose and results of contact

☐ NEGATIVE☒ POSITIVE☐ STATISTIC

See attached.

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] an associate of  
CATAURA'S, had recently thrown acid in the face of a  
Chicago Heights burglar, name unknown, because it was  
rumored that this individual was cooperating with local  
authorities in various areas [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] knows that he is  
closely associated with GUIDO FIDANZI of the B and B  
Collection Agency in Chicago Heights. [REDACTED] is used  
primarily for "muscle" and frequently carries a concealed  
pistol on his person.



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# Memorandum

TO : SAC *CALIFORNIA*

DATE: *6/15/67*

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

☒ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)  
☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R  
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SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

Dates of Contact

*4/5/67*

Titles and File #s on which contacted

*JAMES CATUARA, AR " 92-1371, SA*

Purpose and results of contact

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☐ STATISTIC

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INFORMANT ADVISED ON 6/5/67  
THAT JAMES "THE BOMBER" CATUARA  
IS PLANNING ON ENTERING MERCY  
HOSPITAL FOR A CHECK UP IN THE  
NEAR FUTURE. HE INDICATED  
THAT HE MAY BE TROUBLED  
WITH GALL STONES.